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TWOPENCE

JOHN BULL

OVER A MILLION CERTIFIED SALE

"JOHN BULL'S" XMAS GIFT TO EVERY READER.
See page 2.

My dear friend, there is no SECRET OF HEALTH everybody has heard of

BEECHAM'S Pills

Worth a Guinea a Box

JOHN BULL'S Christmas Gift to every Reader

One Shilling Gift Voucher

Christmas, 1927.

This Xmas Gift Voucher will be accepted as One Shilling in part payment of the famous *John Bull* Pen. Only one Voucher will be taken in part payment for each pen. Offer available until December 31st, 1927.

1/- Gift Voucher and 2/6 "Everpointed" Pencil FREE!

The 2/6 "Everpointed" Pencil is handsomely designed, heavily plated and complete with re-fills and eraser.

The famous "John Bull" 5/- Lever Filler Pen is fitted with heavy 14-ct. solid gold nib and costly iridium tip. Equal to pens sold at treble the Price. All British. Two years' guarantee with every Pen.

Time's getting short! To avoid the last-minute rush before Christmas, readers are strongly advised to send in their applications now without delay. Here is the offer:

The above Gift Voucher will be accepted as One Shilling Cash in part payment of the "John Bull" 5/- Pen, known as the World's Greatest Value in Fountain Pens.

In addition, "John Bull" will present to every reader a 2/6 Ever-pointed Pencil FREE!

The Pen and Pencil will be packed in a dazzling Golden Box.

Time is getting short: Cut out the Presentation Voucher above, attach to Coupon below and post to-day.

Christmas Gift Coupon

"JOHN BULL," Pen Dept., 77, Long Acre, W.C.2.

Please send me the Golden Christmas Gift Set, containing the "JOHN BULL" 5/- Lever Filler Pen and FREE 2/6 Everpointed Pencil.

I enclose Gift Voucher (which please accept as 1/- in part payment), together with Postal Order for 4/3 (which includes Postage and Insurance).

(Pocket Clip 3d. each extra.)

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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Fine, medium or broad nib. (Cross out grades not required.) **4**

Your name engraved in gold on Pen, 6d. extra.

(Write in capitals name desired.) .....

Cross Cheque/P.O. "& Co.," and make payable to "JOHN BULL." J.B.10.12.27

JOHN BULL'S FREE INSURANCE GIFT

179 MORE CHEQUES FOR REGISTERED READERS

We give below the names of a few only of the readers who benefit this Week:

FIRE UP TO £400

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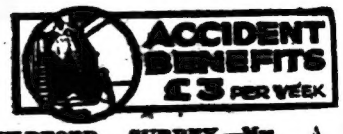
LONGRIGGEND.—Wm. MURPHY, Manse Place.
PRESTWICK, AYR.—P. CLARK, Wendover, 13, Berelands Road.
LLANSAMLET, SWANSEA.—Mrs. E. WEBB, 77, Trewen Rd., Birchgrove.
Nr. LEICESTER.—F. E. WARD, 95, High Street, Syston.
DUNDEE.—Mrs. J. TOLMIE, 23, Watson St.
WALLSEND.—A. J. DEAN, 3, Osborne Terrace, Carville Road.
DUNDEE.—Mrs. W. BIRSE, 120, Overgate.
HASWELL.—Mrs. A. CRANGLE, 15, Sixth Cross Row, Plough.
STOCKPORT, LANCS.—Mrs. A. HUTCHINSON, 2, Hawkins Street, South Reddish.

SICKNESS BENEFITS £5-5-0

HIGH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.—Mrs. A. NOLAN, 22, Wilson Street.
HEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.—Mrs. S. GRAY, 34, St. Marks Street.
MORPETH.—Miss S. GILROY, 6, Granby Buildings.
BASFORD, NOTTS.—Mrs. L. SIMPSON, 25, Zulu Road.
MANCHESTER.—F. PHILLIPS, 13, New Lash, Winton, Patricroft.
BOLTON.—A. VICKERS, 132, Sapling Road, Morris Green.
BRISTOL.—Mrs. S. A. IRWIN, 69, Shakespeare Avenue, Horfield.
BARGOED, GLAM.—Mrs. C. DIPPLE, 80, West Street.
HARLESDEN, N.W.10.—Mrs. M. PETERS, 4, Caesalden Road.
PONTYPRIDD.—Mr. W. RICKETTS, 32, Morgan Street, Trehafed.

STORM! FLOODS! UP TO £300

FLEETWOOD.—Mrs. A. E. DAVIES, 14, Deepdale Road.
WREXHAM.—F. S. OWEN, 38, Derby Road.
FARNWORTH, Nr. BOLTON.—WM. MARLAND, 19, Penn Street.
KIRRIEMUIR, FORFARSHIRE.—W. MUNRO, 13, Brechin Road.
BLACKPOOL.—Mrs. S. SMALLEY, Oregon Avenue, Bispham Road.
PONTYPRIDD.—Mrs. M. A. DAVIES, 90, Trehafod Road, Trehafod.
CARDIFF.—C. HILEY, 70, Lansdowne Road.
PRESTON.—Wm. HODGSON, 16, Bird Street.
PORT GLASGOW.—Mrs. S. DICKSON, 57, Firth View.
MARSTON, Nr. NORTHWICK.—Mrs. A. FOXLEY, 53, Ollershaw Lane.
FLEETWOOD.—Mrs. J. BROWNE, 35, Birch Street.
CARDIFF.—Mrs. H. BASSETT, Granville, 17, Radcliffe Avenue, Victoria Park.



ACCIDENT BENEFITS £3 PER WEEK

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—Mrs. A. L. SMITH, 5, Mill Mead.
PETERBOROUGH.—Mrs. F. DEXTER, 93, Westgate.
MALDON, ESSEX.—Mrs. E. PALMER, 9, Gate Street.
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DUKINFIELD, CHES.—Mrs. J. NEWTON, 3, Key Street.
COWGATE, NORWICH.—Mrs. H. M. WICKALL, 8, Beckhams Yard.
Nr. DEWSBURY.—Mrs. H. H. ORMONDROYD, Briestfield.
NOTTINGHAM.—Mrs. E. M. BRADSHAW, 15, Young Street.
NEW BARNET, HERTS.—Mrs. MARY PARRY, "Ashwell," 70, Victoria Road.
PERTH.—Mrs. F. MOIR, 20, Canal Street.
HALIFAX.—Mrs. I. E. L. WILSON, 62, St. Thomas Street, Claremount.

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Address .....

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Please deliver or reserve JOHN BULL for me weekly until further notice.

Signature .....

Address .....

Date..... .....

J.B. 10.12.27

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To "John Bull" Registration Department, Long Acre, London, W.C.2

I have sent an order form to my newsagent for the regular weekly delivery of JOHN BULL. Please register me as a regular reader.

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

Reader's Name..... Age.....
in full (CAPITAL LETTERS.)

Address .....

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Reader's Signature .....

Name and Address of Newsagent .....

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Date..... .....

Use ½d. stamp. Don't send envelope. A certificate setting out the full benefits and conditions and certifying registration will be sent if ½d. stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for return.

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We recommend the stick because it puts the soap well around each bristle. Nothing else is as good.

Pears' SHAVING SOAP SOFTENS BEARDS

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Why experiment with painful, temporary "Corn-cures"? Why risk dangerous cutting with a knife or razor? Here is a certain, proved remedy for corns—quick, pleasant, utterly safe. Radox Bath Salts is its name. Just put a table-spoonsful in a footbath. Soak your feet in it for 15 to 20 minutes. Very soon, just as with the writer of this letter, your corns will lift out bodily. Read what this lady says:—

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You, too, can banish your corns with ease; for when you put your feet into a footbath containing Radox, the salts soften the hard outer layers of the corn, and the oxygen which Radox liberates enters the pores, opens them, and penetrates further and further, carrying the corn softening salts right to the root of the corn, which is thus loosened so that it can be lifted out bodily. The life-giving oxygen leaves the feet clean and healthy.

Since it is the oxygen which carries the corn solvents to the root of the corn, and since Radox liberates, by test, more oxygen than any other salts on the market, it is clear that Radox is more efficient in removing corns than any other salts.

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Price 37/6 complete set.

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20 " " in wood crate	0 12 6
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60 " " " " " " "	1 17 6

Also in polished container fitted with lid and detachable strap carrying handle—	£ s. d.
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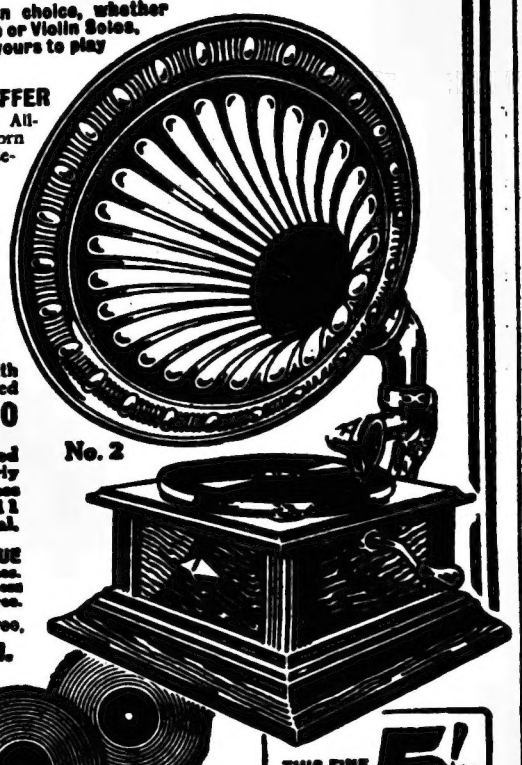

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TERMS: Our Bargain Price is for deferred payments. Send 5/- now (stating clearly whether you prefer the horn or horn-less model), and complete purchase in 11 monthly payments of 3/- Full approval.

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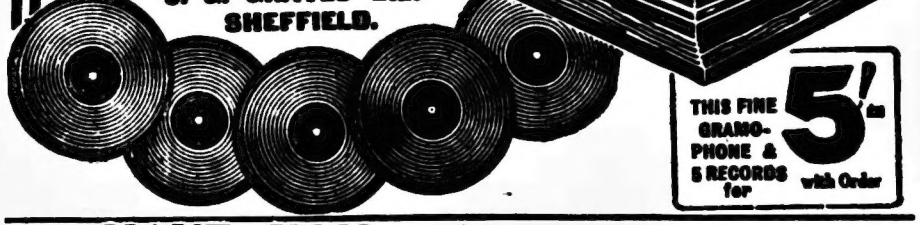

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"Bullets" Prize-winners

(Continued from page 43.)

10 Prizes of £2 10s. each

A. B. CARNELL, 20, Beresford Avenue, Hanwell, W. WAVE OF PROSPERITY—ANYHOW, WE'RE READY "STRIPPED."

Miss M. DAWSON, 11, Meredith Street, Bolton. LOVE OF MONEY—CONSTANT, BUT FORTUNE'S FICKLE.

T. HOLDEN, 38, Parliament Street, Burnley. THE BOOKIES—"TAX-GATHERERS" WE *Needn't* PAY.

V. LANE, 2, Coombe Avenue, Teignmouth, Devon. WHEN EVERYBODY'S RICH—NO "REDS"—NO "BLUES."

O. MASON, 10, Ashford Road, Maidstone. PRICES—LIKE ROCKETS—*Bring* DISTRESS.

W. MILLER, Springkell, Aspatria, Carlisle. YOUNG MONKEY—BEHIND BARS—*Magistrate's* CRIME.

T. PORTER, 134, Aikenhead Road, Glasgow. HOW TO ECONOMISE—START SAVING "KING'S SHILLINGS."

Mrs. T. REID, 11, Howat Street, Govan, Glasgow. WHEN EVERYBODY'S RICH—"HOME"—BUT NO "JAMES."

E. RICHARDS, 45, Goodrich Crescent, Newport, Mon. CAUTIOUSLY—NOVICE DRIVES—AND EXPERT.

C. F. SUMMERS, 7, Dowry Road, Clifton, Bristol. PARLIAMENT'S WORK — TOBACCONIST ERECTS "MEMORIAL" NIGHTLY.

50 "Bullets" Hamper Winners:

G. H. Ashley, Pack Horse Yard, Leeds.
A. Atkinson, 59, Dolphin Rd., Sparkhill, B'ham.
J. Baldwin, 4, North Ribble St., Preston.
W. F. Beer, 24, Dewhurst Road, London, W.
Mrs. M. Bell, 7, Vine St., Hulme, M/c.
J. Binnie, 62, Camden St., Glasgow.
F. Booth, 9, County Terr., Clayton-le-Woods, Lancs.
D. Bourdas, 11, Mayford Rd., Balham, S.W.
Mrs. A. Brand, 95, Victoria St., Blackburn.
Mrs. M. J. Campion, 61, Waveley Rd., Coventry.
Mrs. Coles, 77, Gartmoor Gdns., Wimbledon Park.
C. Cullifford, 3, Bath Terr., Bridgwater, Som.
Mrs. Dixon, 81, St. Mary's Grove, Chiswick, W.
T. M. Dyer, Oak Villa, Llandaff North, Cardiff.
W. Earnshaw, 37, Hawthorn Rd., Preston, Lancs.
G. Eccleston, 5, Legge St., Wolverhampton.
P. Ennis, 5, Main St., Baldoyle, Co. Dublin.
Mrs. M. Flemington, Townsend, Martin, Salisbury.
W. Gray, 3, High Queen St., Witton Park.
R. P. Hales, 48, Waverton Rd., Wilbraham Estate, M/c.
H. W. Harris, "Rudloe," Brading Av., Southsea.
Mrs. A. Headland, 131, South Parade, Newark, Notts.
P. Heal, Draycott, Cheddar, Som.
O. G. Kersiake, 16, Bassein Park Rd., London, W.
H. F. Lewin, 47, Cromvale Rd., Huyton, L'pool.
E. Lugg, Hillcrest, Amherst Gdns., Hastings.
C. H. Lyster, 9, Bankfoot, Bradford.
N. N. Maher, 8, Oaklands Park, Dublin.
P. W. Michel, 5, Chaucer Rd., Forest Gate, E.
E. Miller, 24, Dover House Rd., Putney, S.W.
J. W. Moore, 96, Ernest St., Middlesbrough.
Miss M. Newman, 51, Penhale Rd., Fratton, Hants.
H. Oliver, 122, Penistone Rd., North, Sheffield.
Mrs. Orrell, 137, Crown Lane, Horwich, Nr. Bolton.
E. O. Parker, 14, Ellacombe Rd., Torquay.
H. Pearson, 140, Woodlands Rd., Bradford.
Mrs. L. C. Pike, High St., Shefford, Beds.
J. Richardson, 40, Lilley Terr., Rowlands Gill.
W. Roote, c/o Officers' Mess, R.A.F., Martlesham.
D. E. Reith, 101, Lower Clapton Rd., London, E.
G. Shannon, A. Div., M.C.P., Hospital, Grantham.
J. I. Shevill, 5, Royal Lane, Blaenau Gwent, Mon.
J. Smith, 19, Alexandra Rd., Ashington.
F. Stevens, 32c, Holyoak Rd., Newington Butts, S.E.
F. Stoddart, 58, Inverness St., Sunderland.
E. Stretton, 5, Bakers Rd., Eastbourne.
Mrs. Thompson, 147, Warde St., Hulme, M/c.
T. Vaughan, 23, Clifton St., Plymouth.
Mrs. G. A. Wilson, 1,128, Dumbarton Rd., Glasgow.
Mrs. Wood, 28, Heppleton Rd., New Moston, Nr. M/c.

List of 200 "Bullets" Turkey, 400 Surrey Fowl 200 5/-, and 500 2/6 Prize-winners can be seen at the offices of "John Bull."

A complete list of Turkey and Fowl winners in Competition No. 657 will be sent on receipt of a half-penny stamped and addressed envelope.

"BULLETS" RULES.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what in the opinion of the judges in consultation with the Editor is the best Bullet received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.

2. Only two attempts may be written on each coupon, and a postal order must be enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of. This must be made payable to JOHN BULL, and crossed and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.

3. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

4. The editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Employees of Odhams Press are not eligible to compete.

The original Cheque for £250 awarded to the First Prize-winner in "Bullets" 656 will be displayed in the window of Mr. J. Fearnley, Duckworth Lane Post Office, Bradford.

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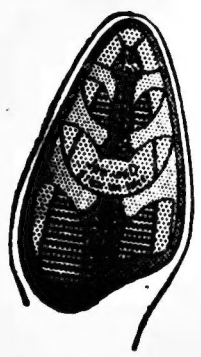

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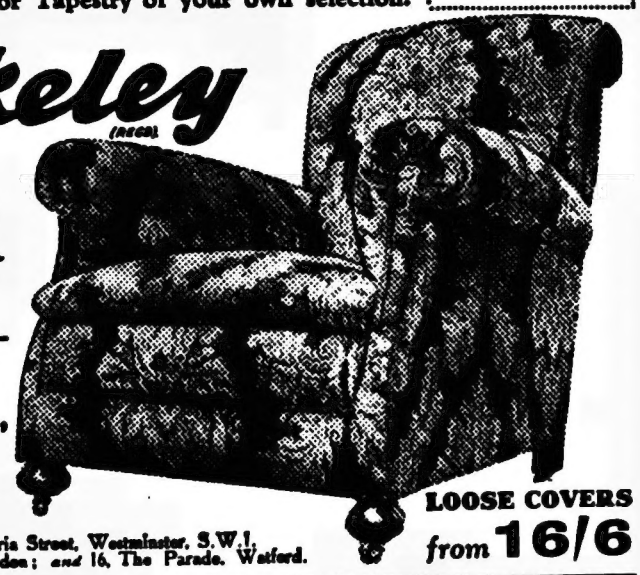

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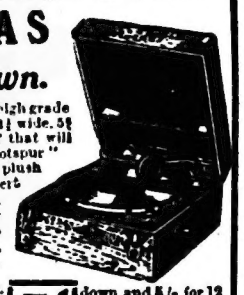

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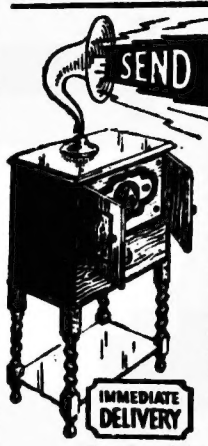

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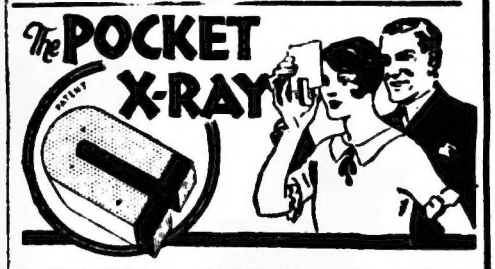

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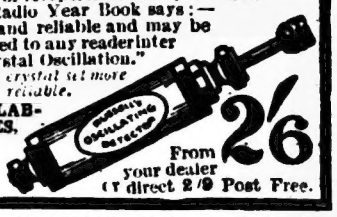

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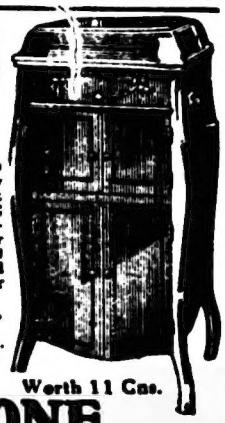

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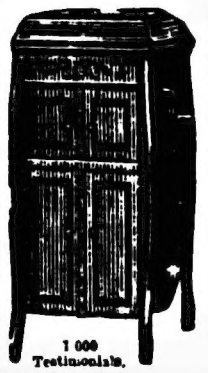

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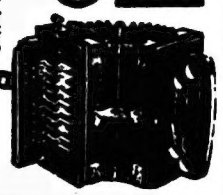

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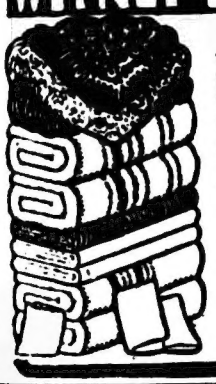

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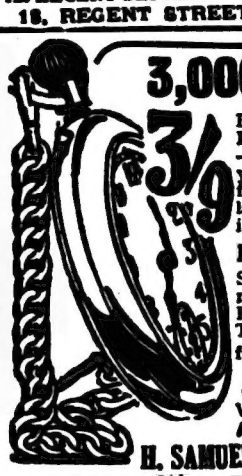

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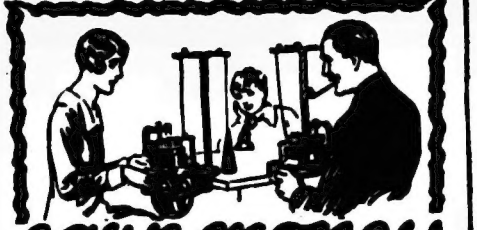

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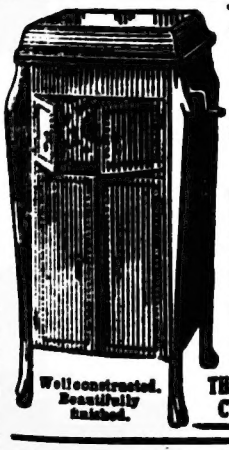

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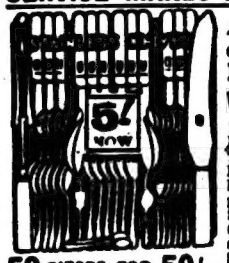

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To Dish Lib.-Lab.

Knowing that certain disaster awaits if it sticks in power until 1929, the Government may attempt to save its bacon on a snap election. Electors must keep wide awake.

Hedging.

There is so much opposition in Conservative ranks to the extension of the franchise that recourse to a General Election is likely on this issue alone.

Jolt for the Sleepers.

The Government slump at Canterbury—with a General Election coming—has made even Baldwin sit up and take notice. For all their brave talk in public, the Cabinet is feeling disgruntled.

Kicked Upstairs.

So "Cabinet reconstruction" really looms at last. Within a month, probably, the Premier will have dumped into the House of Lords two or three "weaker brethren" rich enough to go there.

Look for Changes Here.

On the industrial side the Government has always been deplorably weak. To see Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister or Colonel Lane-Fox put up to handle the mining crisis or Sir A. Steel-Maitland to handle unemployment is a sight for a cynic.

A Say for Electors.

The New Year may thus see a crop of by-elections. The seats of Colonel Ashley and other possible new peers are all classed "safe" except Bridgeman's; Oswestry division holds too many farmers and miners. But the situations will be piquant.

The New Way at Sea.

At the Admiralty what is wanted is enthusiasm for up-to-date naval policy. The greatest victory at sea the British Navy could ever win is the peaceful reduction of the fleets of the world to a mere police force.

No Peace by Panic.

Much of the present "war danger" talk is both false and mischievous. Terror is more likely to drive people into arming than into disarming. It is sun, not wind, that makes a man take off his coat.

While the Sun Shines.

The truth is that every Government in Europe—from sheer necessity—is determined not to get into a fight and will be for some years to come. Now is the time—with harvest energy—to secure by agreement that war shall never happen.

Wisdom.

Congratulations to the B.B.C. for broadcasting information on the eve of the Disarmament Conference at Geneva. Major Hill asked the world could war be dispensed with, and gave the answer—that it can.

Still At It.

Mr. Churchill has ensured a dear Christmas pudding by taxing the pot. While thin, fancy china, which the poor can't buy, escapes lightly, the thicker and cheaper the basin the more you pay!

His Good Deed.

Little has been said of the Home Secretary's instructions to local courts to keep names of juvenile offenders out of newspapers. It merits praise. Give a dog a bad name and hang it is no sort of motto where kiddies are concerned.

Unemployment Kills Trade.

Manufacturers complain of loss caused by uncertainty as to which of hundreds of different style shoes women will choose. Larger loss occurs from thousands of women who can't buy at all.

Good Advice.

"Spend Christmas in England" is the new slogan among those usually wintering abroad. Why not Christmas trips to the coalfields? It would not be without benefit if the comfortable saw the stricken with their own eyes.

Unchristian.

There's too much talk about the miner and not enough talk with him. Even men of different "classes" may grow to understand one another brought into contact and face to face. The attitude of superior aloofness breeds social disease.

Sound Sense.

Mr. A. D. Bremner, director of the British Engineers' Association, sees to-day's need as "younger blood to take hold of things, look at them from a new angle, and meet changed conditions." We agree. Give youth its chance.

Be Businesslike.

Peace in industry cannot be made and maintained by sentiment. Masters must treat men as reasoning beings and *vice versa*. Silly squabbling and mutual distrust are childish.

Trade Union Acceptance.

On December 20 the General Council of the Trades Union Congress will consider the invitation to meet leading employers. Why not? There will be no industrial peace unless leaders can see their way to preliminary talks in a friendly way.

Statistics.

On the Government's own showing there are 16,837 different ways of earning a living in this country. Why it prefers poor relief to putting workless men to a few of them is the century's great mystery.

Your Christmas Prize

What do you want for Christmas—a cheque for £1,500, a £20 prize or a big Christmas Cake? Answer the question with a good "Bullet." **(See page 43.)**

Humbug.

The Secretary for Mines "deeply regrets" the increase in mine accidents, but "hopes with improved conditions resulting from steady and regular work" they will decrease. That's adding insult to injury.

Ugly Truth.

Fewer miners are at work, but deaths from falls of ground are on the increase. The Government knows perfectly well that legislation is needed. But, as usual, nothing is done.

Gathering Clans.

Seven women now sit in the House of Commons. Let them unite. Seven women all determined to make a big row about housing would scare the men into doing something.

Dinna Forget.

"We can remember too that if we have a duty to our dead we have also a duty to our living," said the Prince of Wales on November 11—words that should be dangled before the Government until it does something.

Rosy Health.

Persistent exposure of profiteering tells. Apples at last are really cheap. Cheap fruit heightens Christmas pleasure for the poorest.

Grow Your Own.

The intensive culture of fruit in this country would pay the small gardener, says an expert. We agree. Why not unlock the land and allow a few more small gardeners the chance to try?

Home First.

Great inducements are held out to boys to go farming in Canada. We want more and better farmers in this country too. More and better facilities must be provided for boys anxious to try it.

Every Little.

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Well-nigh Unbelievable.

That more than twenty police-stations in the metropolitan area close from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. and that the C.I.D. department also "shuts for the night" is almost too good to be true—for the thief and every other kind of night marauder.

Undetected Guilt.

The police system is twenty-five years behind the times. Thieves to-day work scientifically. They must be foiled the same way.

Windfalls.

Awarded by the Civil Service Industrial Court, thousands of postal workers before Christmas will receive lump sums in arrear of pay. We wish each recipient luck.

Eyes of Youth.

Cambridge students condemn the Government for "not pursuing a far-sighted and imaginative policy in furthering world peace." Youth is tired of being shattered by bombs and tortured by bayonets. It wants life and a future.

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Atrocious Act.

We sympathise with the Nottingham magistrate in being unable to make Jonas and George White, Awsworth pit lads, feel the lash for puncturing the backs of two horses with darts. But why on earth let them off with a mere £1 fine ?

Showing the Way.

In East Glasgow the Church Army is building houses for working-class families, with not fewer than four children, and with only small incomes. When religious organisations get busy on vital problems there is hope for the homeless.

Too Much Water.

Twice fined for adulterating milk, Tom Gamble Hartley, a Gildersome farmer, took a third chance and has had to pay £10 or serve a month's imprisonment for samples containing added water. Prison should have been the only alternative.

Well Deserved.

Posing as chemist in a big way, James Wood, of Radcliffe, mulcted a man of seventy of £700 and a poor couple of their life savings to support his bogus business. Three years' penal servitude is the richly merited reward of such barefaced swindling.

Four-a-penny Meals.

At a mission-hall, for a farthing a child can breakfast off a small loaf divided into three portions, two buttered, one jammed, and two cups of cocoa. Unique among institutions, we pay tribute to the Exeter Farthing Breakfast Fund for providing help for harassed parents.

Table Cats.

On the evidence of Mr. James Gordon Parker, D.Sc., a Fellow of the Institute of Chemists, cat skins come from Belgium to be made into galantines and table jellies. Even when flavoured and a good price charged, it is just as well that the British public should know what it is eating !

Strange Inconsistency.

Manchester Watch Committee refused permission for the holding of three charity concerts on one Sunday because it would involve Sunday labour—purely voluntary. They gave permission for a political meeting to be held although it involved paid Sunday labour. Any wire-pulling ?

Finishing the Job.

After an unsuccessful attempt to save a boy from drowning in a pond near Lewes, Sir Frank Sanderson, M.P., has offered a plot of land to the National Playing Fields Association where local children can frolic in safety. We congratulate him on his thoroughness in following up a gallant action.

A Hollow Joke.

Some very clever members of the Manchester Unemployment Committee sent a man to an imaginary job to see if he was earnest about getting a situation. The man had to tramp three miles there and three miles back without result. The committees are for practical work, not practical jokes.

Bards to the Council.

The medical officer, sanitary inspector and the surveyor to the Dolgelly (Merionethshire) Rural District Council submitted their reports in Welsh, and the clerk complains that he must translate them into English—with the aid of a dictionary—before he can record the minutes. Such footling is unnecessary and expensive.

Criminals in Making.

Mr. Hay Halkett recognised the real cause of the trouble when Sidney Farrell, a boy of sixteen, was charged at Marylebone with stealing meat from a van. His father and mother, with eight children, all live in one room, and Sidney was placed on probation on condition that he went to a boys' home at Yiewsley. If magistrates and medical officers of health could rule for a few months, building for the poor would get a move on.

Is It So Little ?

We fail to understand why Albert Razey, head teacher of Liswerry school and church sidesman, found guilty of assaulting seven girl pupils between nine and ten, was merely bound over and no conviction recorded. Previous good character cannot excuse so serious and inexcusable an offence. He should have been sent to prison.

Laughed At !

The pathetic plea of a Dunscroft mother, summoned for not sending her boy to school, that she was too poor to buy clothes and was afraid of the jeers of his classmates, was met by the attendance officer's promise of assistance. Parents might assist by impressing on the kiddies that only poverty of mind derides shabbiness.

Considerate Prince.

Kiddies of the Royal Infant Orphanage, Wanstead, who looked wistfully down at the centenary festival dinner-table at the Guildhall, and at Prince Henry's instigation were supplied with sandwiches, have a happy memory of their royal president. By such spontaneous little attentions a prince becomes more than a name to the people.

Wrong Diagnosis.

" He seems to have the devil behind him " was stated of a little thirteen-year-old boy at Chertsey, who " forged " a doctor's certificate, stole trousers to hide under bushes, and purloined useless objects from every place he visited. To place him upon probation on condition " that he lives in London with an aunt " is to invite further trouble. The child needs medical treatment and institutional discipline.

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Oil Up !

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

IF, as I am fond of asserting, the brain is a machine under our own control, there are several interesting points that deserve consideration—though they rarely get it.

Most of us, I fear, are not very interested in this intricate, delicate, and marvellous machine until it breaks down or refuses to function smoothly. Then we are interested all right. We make a great fuss and run to a doctor !

It's rather silly. The proper time to look after any sort of a machine is when it is running smoothly and working efficiently. If we give it real attention then we may avert a breakdown —and that's far better than trying to cure a breakdown after it has happened.

Once a machine has broken down, it doesn't much matter whether it was a good one or a bad one. A good machine is just as useless as a bad one when it refuses to work properly !

It is by no means waste of time to try to improve the running of a machine that is already running well. In the long run, it may prove the highest form of economy.

It is always the " forward outlook " that pays for cultivation. Look always ahead. You've no time to look back.

WHILE you're gazing regretfully at the past, even while the fear of the future is holding you stuck fast in the present, the other fellow is getting ahead of you !

Now is the time to take stock of your mental machinery, oil it and grease it with hope, optimism, and redoubled endeavour. If you allow it to get rusty and creaky it will be too late.

If your brain is working well—make it work better. If it is not working well—make it.

Remember that it is always far cheaper in every way to prevent a breakdown than to repair the damage !

Unemployment Tragedy.

Heartbroken, after two years' fruitless search for work, Joseph Houghton, an Easington miner, kissed his wife and three kiddies, and went to the sea and drowned himself. Daily unemployment tolls a deeper bell, but it does not awaken the Government. Why doesn't the country do it ?

Real Benevolence.

Property in Wath-on-Dearne High Street and £4,500 has been left by Mr. William Hoyland Gawtress, landowner and farmer, for almshouses for aged persons in the township. We like his idea of benevolence. Provision for almshouses is an old-fashioned custom we would wish never to die out.

Coats Off !

Tired of their muddy road not made up by the local authority, thirty inhabitants of Northborough Road, Mitcham, set to with picks and shovels and effected considerable improvement by the removal of many tons of clay. The spirit of getting down to it instead of grousing has much to recommend these amateur navvies.

Good Example.

Manchester is already adopting the Home Secretary's suggestions for removing child offenders from a police-court atmosphere. In its decision to hold juvenile courts in the library, conducted by specially qualified magistrates, to include, if possible, a woman, and by officers wearing plain clothes, an example is set for other towns to follow.

Odious Comparison.

Men engaged in tree-planting on the Dolgelly mountains are being paid 5s. 3d. a day and have to leave home before dawn to reach work in time. Last year Britain's expenditure on armed forces was £122,930,000. Presumably the State will not go bankrupt if the Government Forestry Department is jogged into paying a less scandalous wage.

Even Little Children.

" I have sent this money which I have collected by making paper flowers " was the message in childish characters written by little Winnie Cooper, who ran breathless to Fleetwood Town Hall and deposited 1s. 6d. in half-pennies as the relief fund was being counted. Straight from the heart of a child, it is the kind of thought that really helps.

Glowing Deeds.

Very beautiful is the stained-glass window erected in the Bunyan Meeting Church, Bedford, to the memory of the schoolboy, John Rowan Steven, who lost his life in trying to save his friend, Philip Rogers, when their boat upset in a strong current on the Ouse. Steven could easily have saved himself. His greatness showed when he did not.

Enlisting.

The Rev. F. S. Staley, Vicar of Coton-in-the-Elms, Derbyshire, is " sick and tired of marrying young couples who have to live with their mothers-in-law." He knows happiness cannot lie that way and is urging the Repton Council to build dwellings. We welcome him to the army fighting disease, dirt and misery. There cannot be too much recruiting.

Business Romance.

From working on a bench at two guineas weekly, Mr. H. Yager has built up a timber-importing, cabinet-making business employing 600 hands using £150,000 worth of wood a year in furniture-making. Praise is due to a man who aptly embodies Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's ideal of one who regards his work with the same affection as he regards his wife.

Temptation.

That opportunity makes the thief is now realised by workers at Barkly Road Sunday-school, Beeston. After months of labour, the bazaar they left ready for the opening sale was raided in the night and half the goods stolen. A little forethought would have paraded the building with volunteer watchmen. To leave temptation in front of the temptable is not wise.

Doctors Know.

Dr. Essex Wynter, late senior physician of Middlesex Hospital, showed appreciation where it was due when he bequeathed his house and two groups of sixteenth-century cottages with upkeep endowments as homes for retired nurses. None better deserves consideration in the autumn of life than arduous hospital workers.

Plucky P.C.

P.C. Marshall is a credit to the Birmingham police. He confronted four suspects and tackled them. One man attacked him with a knife, so P.C. Marshall administered a prompt headache with his truncheon and kept the other three subdued. A sergeant's stripes would look well on his arm.

Doing His Duty.

When Arthur Brooks, labourer, of fifty, gave unsatisfactory answers to why he persuaded a girl of twelve to accompany him to a plot of land near Ebbw Vale Company's railway line, an engine-driver "hit him one and hit him down." Brooks is doing six months' hard labour. We warrant the other is a true Briton, whose prompt action kept one kiddie out of serious harm.

Pathetic Find.

Loss of a loved wife was forerunner of misfortune to William Jeremiah Croft, who from a good mining position before the strike came to be found asleep and penniless at Aldershot. Too proud to ask help, willing to work, his discharge and assistance from the poor-box will but carry him on a little. The tradesman who promised to find him a job may do more for him if he keeps his word.

Drugs and Doctors.

Yet another case of carelessness on the part of a doctor has been brought to our notice. On coming out of a Blackheath nursing-home, Dr. T. E. Ellis, of Shooters Hill, found that drugs, including morphia, strychnine, arsenic and chloroform, together with two cylinders of gas and the apparatus for administering it, had been stolen out of his car. If medical men will not exercise more care, the authorities will have to act.

Leniency and the Lesson.

It is not often that a man who embezzles £500 is so fortunate as to be bound over, and Lewis Hershman, charged at Thames Police Court, has only his employers to thank for this. Owing to the prisoner's previous good character, Messrs. S. Baron, Ltd., fish-curers, of Mile End, did not desire to press the charge. We hope that the kindness of those whom he wronged will but tend to impress the lesson on Hershman's mind.

Strong Medicine.

The morality of a man who sends his wife on the streets and lives on her shame is lower than that of any beast of the field. The drastic punishment of twenty lashes and a year in jail meted out to Alexander MacFarlane, at Glasgow, by Sheriff Robertson, will make other brutal beasts pause. MacFarlane had been convicted twice previously. His punishment is severe, but his offence is a disgrace to his manhood.

Case for Enquiry.

Though the twenty-four casuals at Mansfield Workhouse who refused to work were each sentenced to seven days' hard labour, some will doubt whether so many would have acted in concert had there been no reasonable cause for complaint. They pleaded that they were bullied, and that the wards were so cold that they wakened from their slumber upon the floor feeling frozen. There ought to be a searching enquiry.

Mother and Monster.

Not only is John Farragher, of Small Heath, a foul-mouthed rascal, but he is an unnatural brute into the bargain. Because his aged mother protested against his filthy language, he overthrew the bed on which she was lying and then struck her across the head with such violence that she had to be treated in hospital. We should like to have been behind him with a big whip, though even then he would richly have deserved the three months' hard labour awarded him.

Rough on Job-seekers.

Advertisements offering part-time work, described as a "sound opportunity" have lately appeared in a certain paper with the stipulation that 7d. should be sent for particulars. The advertiser, F. Baldwin, of Moss Car Road, Keighley, Yorks, sends applicants a cheaply-got-up shampoo powder and offers to supply further packets at "wholesale prices" of 1s. 6d. a dozen or 3s. 6d. for three dozen. If the exact nature of his "part time work" was stated in his advertisements, many job-seekers would be saved from disappointment.

Apt Telegraphic Address.

"Undisputed Wembley" is the telegraphic address of a football bookmaker named Frank Dennett, whose notepaper also carries the slogan, "Prompt Monday settlements in cash absolutely guaranteed." If the latter assurance has not always been fulfilled in fact, the telegraphic address is at least apt—outstanding accounts must remain "undisputed" for the very good reason that Dennett has disappeared from his address at Park Parade, Wembley, and letters of complaint are simply returned to the senders.

The Left-over Lino Dodge.

Mrs. Daniels, of Billericay, was not suspicious when two men called at her door with the tale of having a little linoleum left over from a job near by. She purchased a piece offered at a "bargain price" and subsequently found herself in the police court charged with having stolen the linoleum! She was, of course, able to clear her name, but that does not make her experience any more enviable. The "left-over lino dodge" is an old one amongst doorstep plunderers and housewives should always look upon such "bargain" offers with suspicion.

Small Traders, Beware!

The Aymard Patent Milk Steriliser Co., of Angel Street, Hadleigh, Suffolk, seems to favour strange methods of business. In May last a reader sent cash for a portable copper, and, when it was not delivered after an appreciable interval, he wrote for an explanation. He has been writing on and off ever since, but up to a recent date he had gained nothing but a number of excuses and promises. As this is not an isolated complaint, we urge others to be cautious in sending cash in advance to this dilatory company.

Another "Gift" Scheme.

The Mersey Gift Co., of 12, Devon Chambers, 114, Bold Street, Liverpool, is addressing circulars to strangers in connection with an "exceptional" offer. "Having received good reports about you," they write, "we have decided to offer you an opportunity to assist us and to make money for yourself also." Nowhere in the company's printed matter can we find the name of any individual behind this offer, but this is not very surprising, since the "gift scheme," as it is termed, is nothing more than a variation of the old snowball dodge.

Coffin Ship Echo.

Six months ago, in a special article exposing the "coffin-ship" evil, we cited the tragic case of the *Eastway* which foundered off Bermuda, being grossly overloaded. We did not spare the owner, Watkin James Williams, and now his infamy has been punished in some measure at Cardiff Assizes, where he has just been sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment and to pay the whole of the costs of his prosecution for sending the *Eastway* to sea in an unseaworthy condition. Can any reasonable being hold a twelve months' sentence to be adequate punishment for a person whose grasping greed occasions the loss of twenty-three lives?

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Problems of Life

The Sectarian Spirit

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

EDGAR WALLACE, in his autobiography entitled "People," tells of a remarkable dream he once had. He gives us his solemn word that the dream was real.

Edgar Wallace

He imagined himself to be in heaven, or at least in some higher world than that wherein we at present dwell, and to be looking down over a sort of parapet at the swarms of human beings running about like ants far below.

Around him were groups of celestial beings, one of whom was engaged in the strange task of pounding a beautiful jewel to fine dust in a mortar.

Presently the angels—if angels they were—began to drop this dust, a particle at a time, down among the busy earth-people.

At intervals, as each particle reached its destination, the immortals burst into uncontrollable laughter.

CURIOUS to learn the cause of this mirth, Wallace enquired about it and was bidden to observe carefully what was going on beneath.

It was explained to him that as each shining atom of the powdered jewel arrived on earth it was seized and treasured by some person or party and a shrine or temple or other institution was built round it.

According to the testimony of the enlightened watchers above, the joke was that the finders of every individual precious particle that fell from heaven believed that they had got hold of the entire jewel and were prepared to slaughter all other claimants to a similar monopoly.

Dream or parable, or whatever you like to call it, Edgar Wallace's vision illustrated faithfully the foolish tendency of the human mind towards partisanship and narrowness of view.

The finite intellect is incapable of grasping more than a small fragment of truth, yet in the name of truth we presume to judge and condemn one another.

This is what is proceeding at the present moment in the acrimonious controversies which are taking place within the Church about such matters as the revision of the Prayer-book or the sacramental views of Anglo-Catholics.

I DO not say these matters are unimportant; they are not; but they should be discussed calmly and wisely, and with sympathetic consideration for every conscientious conviction.

Let no man who remains outside the Churches imagine that he is superior to the infirmity above described.

Indifference is not the same thing as breadth of view. As Professor J. Arthur Thompson says, none of us has more than a pin-hole view of the universe.

Even scientists are apt to forget this at times.

And political, social and racial antagonisms are all due to mistaking the part for the whole.

FAMOUS CITY DISGRACED

THE NORWICH TREADMILLS

Shocking "Test Work" Scandal

IN all bumbledom there is no worse example of stupid and tyrannic policy than that found in the treatment of unemployed men of Norwich by the guardians of the poor of that ancient city.

Most of the unemployed recipients of outdoor relief in Norwich are obliged to undergo what is called "test work."

It is not known who invented it, but there are forty-eight members of the Norwich Board of Guardians, a majority of whom must accept responsibility for its continued administration for more than six years.

When a man living in Norwich applies to the guardians for relief he is ordered to proceed to one of three "compounds" outside the city.

The first is a barren stretch of waste ground at Bowthorpe, adjoining the workhouse infirmary, about two miles from the centre of the city.

Here are sent the older men and some disabled war victims. Their numbers average round about a hundred.

Aimless march

These men—mostly honest, decent, respectable citizens—are compelled to walk two or three miles to this field four mornings a week, from Tuesdays to Fridays, arriving there at 8.30.

They have nothing to do but to walk about till four o'clock in the afternoon, with one hour's relaxation for dinner—if they have brought anything to eat with them. At four o'clock they trudge home.

This is "test work." The reason why they are let off on Mondays is because they have to sign on at the employment exchange. They are allowed Saturday off to look for work!

There is no time-limit for this "test." So long as a man is in receipt of "relief" for just so long must he continue to do this senseless task.

The abler-bodied men are sent further afield.

The married men go to Hellesden, four miles from Norwich, to an extensive area of waste and desolate ground, close to a mental hospital. About three-fourths of these married men are ex-Service men.

There are nearly 700 men at Hellesden. They have to be present at roll-call at 9.15 a.m., and are allowed to leave at 3.30 p.m.

When it rains there are two huts in which they can shelter. These huts together will accommodate about 150 men.

Satisfied guardians

There is no provision to enable them to obtain a hot drink unless they can contrive a wood fire or carry a few handfuls of coke out with them.

The single men are located at a place called Mouse Hole, about three miles from Norwich. Mouse Hole is adjacent to the prison. It has gravel-pits and sandhills and is about 150 acres in extent.

There is plenty of room for the three or four hundred single men who are compelled to make this their daily health resort.

The Norwich Guardians are perfectly satisfied that every one of these thousand odd men is genuinely in need of relief. They feel they have earned the confidence of the ratepayers who

Commander Hilton Young, M.P. for Norwich, who should raise this matter on the floor of the House of Commons

may be quite sure they are not being imposed on.

The greater proportion of the men receiving relief are ratepayers too. Part of the money paid to them is allocated to rent and rates.

Best out of sight

It is impossible to conceive of any system more calculated to foster a spirit of despair amongst any body of men.

The greatest claim of the guardians to the gratitude of the people of Norwich has yet to be mentioned.

By sending these men so far out of the city, *they keep them off the streets*, where they would be an eyesore and an unpleasant reminder of the unemployment problem.

This "test work" falls, like the rain, equally on those who receive only a few shillings and on those who receive the maximum relief, which is £2 per week.

A man with a wife and four children is paid £2 per week, half in cash and half in kind. If he has more than four children dependent on him, he does not receive another penny.

If the man is in receipt of a disablement pension, three-fourths of that is deducted from the scale amount payable.

If by chance he should happen to have a fifth child earning—say, a girl of seventeen earning 25s. per week—then the whole of the girl's 25s. is deducted.

The fact that insurances, hospital contributions and other deductions are made from these juvenile wages is not taken into account. The gross earnings of the child are deducted from the amount of relief.

What is the result of this? The father receives 15s. instead of £2 to support himself, wife and four dependent children.

The daughter, whose net earnings are about 23s., pays perhaps as much as 14s. into the home for board and lodging, retaining 9s. for car fares, clothes and pocket-money. She is obliged to dress decently to keep her job.

Intolerable position

The total income of the home, therefore, becomes 29s. per week, out of which seven people have to be fed, instead of £2 per week for six, which the family would receive if there happened to be no wage-earning daughter.

The inevitable consequence is that the daughter is forced to leave home and go into lodgings to save her brothers and sisters from starvation.

This is not an exaggerated example. It has happened and is happening in many families in Norwich.

If the total weekly gross income of a family living under one roof is 45s. no relief is granted by the guardians, however many members of the family there may be.

This income may be made up of an old-age pension enjoyed by a grandparent, a disablement pension paid to a father and the meagre earnings of one or two children over fourteen.

Five or six children and three or four adults may be forced to exist on a sum which is below £2 per week, after deductions have been made. When rent, light and firing are paid for there is not much left for food.

Where the burden of supporting a whole family is laid on the shoulders of two or three young people whose individual wages are insufficient to keep themselves, an intolerable position arises.

Shameful reflection

The exceptionally large number of young girls to be seen loitering about in the streets of Norwich at night is eloquent testimony to bad home conditions brought about by extreme poverty.

We are unable to find any moral right for the treatment of unemployed by the Norwich Board of Guardians in this way.

The fact that this soul-destroying system has been carried on for over six years is a shameful reflection on the people of Norwich.

We are not concerned so much with fastening the responsibility or apportioning the blame as in bringing this humiliating treatment of the unemployed to an end. That must be done quickly.

Priceless Mr. Potter

A Preposterous Proposition

AMUSING circular letters are at present being sent out by an ingenious individual named F. Potter, who writes from Bay House, Priory Plain, Great Yarmouth, inviting people to learn "a home worked business" under his tuition.

This business, we read, is selling vacant houses "in any number at a time in different towns just as if you were selling your own property."

Mr. Potter undertakes to teach his pupils how to acquire these vacant properties to sell without paying anything on them, and how to reap a profit of anything from £25 to £100 on each house!

He then goes on to say that the possibilities of this "business" are great, and he suggests that it should be worth anything from £1,000 to £2,000 yearly to his pupils.

It can be "entirely worked through the post" without capital, experience, responsibility or losses!

A wide sphere

"I am anxious to fix you up," he confides, "as it is impossible for me alone to work all England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. . . . This is a chance of a lifetime for you."

He is prepared, he declares, to teach the business for £100, but is willing to accommodate those who have no cash at their disposal by accepting anything in exchange up to the value of £150!

Meanwhile he will gladly call and discuss the matter, provided the applicant sends him his return railway fare and £2 for "two days' expenses."

Personally, we hardly think a two-day discussion necessary in considering such a preposterous proposition.

If Mr. Potter really knows how to make titanic profits by selling houses "in any number at a time," he is a fool to stop doing it.

But the fact that his circular letters have been run off on a duplicator shows that he is at present more concerned with enrolling pupils than in selling houses.

But friend Potter is apparently a man who chooses to practise startlingly original methods, and we would not dream of questioning his assertion that he has done nothing else but sell through the post for the past forty years.

Bright idea

To our knowledge he was advertising about three years ago for the address of a maternity nurse, and one applicant was favoured with a letter which had obviously been run off on a duplicator.

"Having your address," it ran, "I wondered if you knew of anyone wanting to purchase a very superior pram cheap." Potter then explained that he knew of a twenty-guinea "super pram," which had never been used, but which he would sacrifice for £8 10s. cash!

Mr. Potter is a bright lad!

AN AMAZING MAGICIAN

ALBAN THE ALCHEMIST

The Tale that "Sonique" Told

WHAT can have happened to that breezy nautical gentleman, Captain Alban J. Roberts? This is a question which many anxious people have lately been asking. But they have asked in vain, so perhaps a little publicity in these columns may help to solve the mystery.

Alban J. Roberts is an ambitious inventor, who is known to have produced some most ingenious devices in the course of his professional experiments.

We feel prompted, therefore, to invite him to concentrate a little of his acknowledged ingenuity upon some of the problems presented in this article.

Captain Alban J. Roberts came to this country many years ago, having gained his nautical experience in New Zealand waters.

But from the moment of setting foot upon our home shores, apparently, he decided to give the sea a rest and to concentrate his energies upon matters of mysticism and invention.

Dabbling in science

In these new endeavours he was not bent solely upon providing theatregoers with amusement, but dabbled ambitiously in the higher branches of defensive research in connection with aerial and other warfare.

Since then, ambitious Alban has invented many things, but we are not aware that any of his brain's offspring have stood out in such significance as to place him in the same category as a Sir Hiram Maxim. However, great oaks from little acorns grow.

One of his efforts was a thing of unspeakable horror, which he was wont to refer to vaguely as "the invention for the non-interferable control of wireless."

It was a mechanical contrivance operated by some secret method of wireless control, which could destroy flight after flight of aeroplanes, and, amongst other achievements, could lay waste entire cities, while its operators remained immune from danger.

If half the inventor's claims were true, the value of such a dire weapon of defence to any nation would have been apparent; but, strange to say, he found some difficulty in capitalising his idea.

Telling the tale

But he managed to interest one or two people, particularly a gentleman whom he had met at Gorleston-on-Sea.

Roberts told his Gorleston acquaintance all about his great invention, and succeeded in extracting £100 from him for the ostensible purpose of demonstrating his infernal machine.

This trusting soul did not part with his money as a gift, but was given a signed statement by Roberts to the effect that he was to receive 20 per cent. in shares or money accruing from "the invention for the non-interferable control by wireless."

But while Roberts "undertook" to carry out the above agreement, the Gorleston investor is still without his 20 per cent., and cannot get any tidings of his £100, though he has written again and again.

On one occasion he was rewarded with a letter from Roberts, who wrote from his "permanent headquarters" in Shorts Gardens, London, W.C., which is a greengrocer's shop, kept by an Italian, where letters are called for by arrangement.

All this letter conveyed to the anxious investor, however, was that Roberts would write again in a day or two.

This is curious conduct on the part of a rising inventor, and it is rendered all the more reprehensible when one learns that this same investor has parted with other sums of money, including one of £40 and another of £167.

The latter sum was paid in connection with a charity-box contraption of the captain's, and the Gorleston investor proposed to instal some of the boxes locally.

He was promised 1,000 boxes for £150 and an extra hundred for £17; but after Roberts had supplied only the odd hundred, delivery ceased mysteriously, though the £167 cheque had already been cashed.

A vain quest

We have discovered that this eccentric inventor has other creditors.

One is a publican who lent him several pounds some months ago on the strength of Roberts' assertion that he was receiving a large sum from the London Hospital in respect of a new invention.

It is not long ago, too, since Roberts went on a music-hall tour with a mechanical contrivance called

Captain Alban J. Roberts

"Sonique," a metallic figure controlled by wireless, which was apparently able to answer questions put to it by the audience.

We know that in one instance, when Roberts was presenting "Sonique" at a London music-hall, he approached a man he knew by sight in an adjacent bar and arranged for him to put a stipulated question to "Sonique."

The fact that Roberts was thus armed beforehand explains why "Sonique" was able to give a rapid, staccato and perfectly accurate reply.

Meanwhile Roberts' creditors must ask for *him* in vain.

Roberts has also had his letters addressed to an establishment in Clerkenwell Close, but an enquirer was told that letters had been waiting there for him since September and that Roberts was thought to be "a very erratic man."

He certainly is; but we hope for his creditors' sake that he will soon emerge from his obscurity.

THE HEROIC COWARD

A POSTMAN'S COME-BACK

ON a November night three years ago, Sydney Arthur Harvey, a postman, nineteen years of age, was walking home with a friend along the towpath near Victoria Bridge, Cambridge.

As the two men neared the Fort St. George Ferry, they saw a man standing on the river bank. He hailed then with these words: "Hi! You fellows. I'm going to swim across here before I go home, so that I can tell my people I've done it."

The speaker was a coloured man, evidently labouring under some excitement.

Help refused

Harvey strongly advised him not to attempt to swim the river at that hour of night and offered to pull the ferry-boat over for him if he wished to cross.

The proffered help was refused and Harvey with his companion continued on their way.

Looking back, Harvey saw the man dive into the water and start swimming across the river.

Harvey's companion on the river bank also saw the coloured man dive into the river and watched him swim across. He saw him reach the ferry-boat and climb in.

The next morning Cambridge was agog with the news that an Indian law student had been found drowned.

Caustic comment

Harvey went to the mortuary and identified the body as that of the man he and his companion had seen swimming across the river.

At the inquest it transpired that the dead man was a native of Colombo, Ceylon, that he had come to Cambridge from London on the day the fatality occurred to see some friends, and that at one time he had been an undergraduate at one of the colleges of Cambridge University.

The Cambridge Borough Coroner, Mr. E. A. Wootten, found that deceased had met his death through suffocation by drowning in attempting to swim the river.

The coroner, however, severely reproached Sydney Harvey in the course of his examination.

"Did you think," he asked, "what Cambridge people would think of you in Cambridge, a University town, seeing a strange undergraduate doing anything like that and not helping him? I am not at all satisfied with your conduct. I think it is extremely callous."

It is not clear how Mr. Harvey, a lad of nineteen and himself a newcomer to Cambridge, should have been able to recognise a coloured man late at night as being a University undergraduate, or why that fact should have entitled him to special consideration.

Young Harvey was very upset at the suggestion that he had been lacking in either courage or consideration. But for the encouragement and moral support of his friends and workmates, his mental sufferings might have had serious consequences.

Cheering sequel

Now comes a cheering sequel to this unhappy story.

On the evening of October 25, Harvey and a number of other people were deep-sea fishing from the North Extension at Lowestoft, when John Read, a youngster of fourteen, entangled his line and, while endeavouring to free it, overbalanced and fell into the sea.

Harvey, thickly clad and wearing heavy boots, jumped into the sea to the boy's rescue. He swam out and caught the drowning boy, but there was no way of landing at that point.

A rope was thrown down. Harvey seized it with his right hand, holding the boy under his left arm and was hauled up with great difficulty.

Faith justified

No one but he in the crowd knew how to apply artificial respiration. He set to work and restored the boy to consciousness.

This heroic deed has amply justified the faith in his courage which Harvey's friends have always had in him. It wipes out the aspersions cast on his character at Cambridge.

On many occasions we have commented in these columns on the unfair and uncalled-for statements made by coroners, magistrates and judges.

The story of this young postman's bravery aptly illustrates the necessity for care on the part of persons in authority whose every utterance receives widespread publicity.

LONG FIRM LEWIS

SYDNEY THE SLICK

A Rare Rogue

AGAIN we call attention to the laxity of the company laws. Their loopholes are continually being exploited and honest people defrauded. How much longer is this to be the case?

THE amazing ease with which an unscrupulous rogue can establish a succession of bogus companies has seldom been so glaringly illustrated as in the record of Sydney Lewis, who is known to the police all over the country as a persistent wrongdoer.

Lewis, who uses numerous names, is a young man, under thirty; but in spite of his youth he has obtained many thousands of pounds by fraudulent means within the past two years or so.

And although he has frequently fallen into the hands of the police and has served at least two terms of imprisonment, he found no difficulty in re-establishing himself in the public eye as "an honest man."

But he has our appallingly lax company laws to thank for his repeated criminal successes.

Easy way out

About two years ago, with the proceeds of a jewel robbery—for which he was never apprehended—Lewis opened a business in Aldgate.

This concern was registered at Somerset House in the usual slipshod fashion as "Lewis and Company," being, therefore, nothing more than a convenient trading alias.

After Lewis had purchased a car and had ruined traders to the extent of over £2,000, he merely dismissed his staff, closed down his business and absconded.

Now, if the company laws were in any way efficacious, one would expect some official enquiry to be made and some form of certificate issued to the effect that the trader concerned was properly fitted to operate in a business capacity.

But the sorry truth is that the law is so lamentably lax that this hardened rogue was able to open up again almost immediately in Holborn!

Getting in touch with a man named Walker, and inducing him to lend his name to a new scheme, Lewis registered another business at Somerset House.

Scandalous laxity

Precisely the same thing happened as in the previous case, and Lewis disappeared early this year when the claims of creditors grew too serious to be lightly set aside.

Soon after this, Lewis casually strolled into Somerset House and registered a fresh company known as "Wood Goods," which, as its name suggests, was formed ostensibly to deal in timber.

It did "deal"—aided by references from shady East End firms—and Lewis, in the style of "Wood Goods," obtained material to the value of £6,000 within a few weeks.

This he promptly sold at much below cost, and when the timber merchants he had defrauded began to clamour for their cash, Lewis calmly repeated his favourite disappearing trick.

Is it not scandalous that such a person has been able to form company after company in this flagrant manner—especially as all his ventures have been crowded into two short years?

Yet the list we have so far given is by no means complete.

Another of his swindling concerns, for instance, was called Allied Trades Investments, with an office in Shaftesbury Avenue, which was abandoned a few months ago after complaints from dupes who had been induced to invest in worthless shares had reached Vine Street Police Station.

Mr. Charles Hawkins, Chairman of the Association for the Prevention of Fraudulent Trading

Fortunately for some people, however, we were able to issue a timely warning concerning this Shaftesbury Avenue swindle, in which—as in many other ventures—Lewis made use of a dummy while contriving to keep well in the background himself.

Who were the buyers?

His dupe in this instance was a man known as Ambrose, otherwise Parbrook, who was much older than Lewis.

He was honest but impoverished, and struggling to maintain a wife and four children, when Lewis brought him down to the gutter as he has many other misguided individuals whom he has induced to act in the capacity of dummy.

All would have been well with Lewis had he not enlarged his fraudulent activities by circulating dishonoured cheques, which led to a recent conviction.

He is believed to have obtained goods to the value of over £20,000 in the last year or so.

Now he could only have turned these goods into cash by disposing of them at prices much lower than those obtaining in legitimate trade.

Who bought them?

We suggest that the Board of Trade should enquire very closely into the complicated affairs of Sydney Lewis. Such an enquiry would, in all probability, disclose the fact that Lewis had his own pet market for the bulk of his wares.

At the same time, we hope the desired amendments in the company laws will not be overlooked, for it cannot be disputed that the root of the evil lies in their present laxity.

A PIOUS PEST

THE TATTOOED CHARITY TRICKSTER

Mr. Sunday Grundy

NO more despicable trickster is to be found than one posing as a religious worker. When, too, he imposes on clerics who can ill afford to give help, his crime is much greater

A SANCTIMONIOUS impostor, who always introduces religious sentiment into his well-told tales of woe, is at present touring the country on a pilgrimage of plunder. Pious in the extreme, he carries many so-called "proofs" of his alleged spiritual sincerity.

His real name is Gilbert Grundy, and he may be identified by a tattooed representation of the "Rock of Ages"—that familiar picture of a woman clinging to a white cross in the midst of the surging sea—upon his forearm.

Grundy has a thin, drawn face, which suggests the pinch of poverty. He is a tall man of about thirty-five, and he is careful to dress shabbily to lend conviction to his woeful tales.

Convincing yarn

And, apart from his much-cherished "Rock of Ages" adornment, he has the gift of watery blue eyes, which take on a pathetic expression when he recounts his varied sob-stories.

This plundering pilgrim selects his victims for the most part amongst clergymen and people who have the reputation of being keen charity workers. The story of his more recent exploits will serve to illustrate his methods and to put the public on its guard against him.

Mr. Grundy's wandering footsteps led him to Nottingham a few days ago, where he called upon a clergyman, mentioning a well-known Carlisle minister by way of introduction.

He begged an interview, and, knowing his Carlisle colleague well, the Nottingham clergyman received the stranger without suspicion.

Mr. Grundy humbly explained that he was an earnest worker in religious circles, but while he had his health and strength to aid him, he was not blessed with much of this world's wealth.

He was, in fact, in very low water at the moment—not through any fault of his own—but through being the victim of a very cruel experience.

So convincingly was Mr. Grundy's tale unfolded that the clergyman lent a sympathetic ear, and, bearing in mind the introduction of the Carlisle colleague, he gave the impoverished "charity worker" much more time than he could spare.

A glib tongue

Mr. Grundy went on to explain that he had been unable to find any work to do for a long while, save the work of God, and that he had made the long journey from Carlisle to Nottingham in the happy belief that a good position awaited him there.

The information that had been given him about the vacant berth had proved, unfortunately, to be altogether unsound; and, after wandering about for days in the vain search for employment, he was absolutely stranded!

Every word came pat from the tongue of this born actor, and he laid great emphasis on the fact that he had suffered an overwhelming shock on finding the hoped-for job filled after tramping so many weary miles. And now his plight was sad indeed. He had spent his last penny.

Surprise in store

He did not mind starving himself, but his family were waiting and watching for him in far-away Carlisle, and his predicament was more than he could bear.

This harrowing tale, told with such consummate skill, was more than the generous-hearted clergyman could bear also, and in response to his visitor's pressing requests, he advanced all the money he could spare for Mr. Grundy's immediate uses, together with the amount of his fare back to Carlisle.

Imagine the surprise of this generous minister when he later discovered that Grundy was a worthless mendicant who specialised in getting small sums of money by recounting lying sob-stories, and that he was quite unknown to the clergyman in Carlisle whose name he had flaunted.

He had simply lifted the name from a directory and had given it in the almost certain hope that his victim would be familiar with it.

Now as clergymen, generally, are none too well off themselves, and are always being called upon for alms which they cannot afford to give, the Nottingham gentleman reported the matter to the police, only to make further alarming discoveries about the sanctimonious Mr. Grundy.

Plundering pilgrim

To his consternation, he learnt that Gilbert Grundy is one of the most persistent criminals whose portraits adorn the walls of the Rogues' Gallery at Scotland Yard.

From Warrington to Harlow, St. Helens to Oswestry, Belfast to Barrow-in-Furness and from Blackpool to Peterborough, Grundy has achieved criminal notoriety, and in most of these places he has fallen into the hands of the police from time to time for offences too numerous to mention.

Amongst his many assumed names we may mention those of "J. Mason," "H. Phillips," "John Moon," "H. Marshall" and "Harry Dale." And though he boasts so much of his piety, we are unable to state how often he attends the churches whose ideals he affects to hold so dear.

We are able to reveal, however, that his plundering pilgrimage has frequently been interrupted by periods in one or another of his Majesty's jails, where he was able to contemplate his "Rock of Ages" emblem at leisure.

STRANGE CHILD - DETENTION CASE

A MOTHER'S REGRET

Send Dorothy Home!

DOROTHY DAVIS is the daughter of a Canadian soldier killed in action in the war. She is in receipt of a pension from the Canadian Government.

Dorothy's mother married again. Her second husband was a sailor in the Royal Navy. This gentleman, Mr. A. G. Read, retired on pension two years ago. There are three children of the second marriage, two boys and a baby girl nine months old, whom Dorothy has never seen.

Delicate from birth, Dorothy had to undergo eleven operations before she was eight. She is now eleven.

Her almost continuous ill-health made it impossible for her to attend school regularly. Like most delicate children, her brain is abnormally active, and she has grown somewhat wayward and difficult to manage.

When Mr. Read came home to settle down in Wroxham, Norfolk, he bought a well-built, six-roomed bungalow with his savings, and found employment as a sailmender and rigger. He is also employed as an auxiliary postman.

Sent to a home

One day toward the end of last summer, he had occasion to reprimand Dorothy for trampling down some corn in a field next to the house.

The high-spirited girl resented being shouted at, and Mrs. Read had some difficulty in keeping peace between her husband and the child.

Being at this time in a delicate state of health, the trouble preyed on the mother's mind, and she decided to send her daughter away to school until after the baby's birth.

Mrs. Read sought the advice of Mr. Clark, police-court missioner at Norwich, who recommended her to place Dorothy in the care of the Rev. E. J. Falconer, who maintained a home for motherless children out of charitable funds entrusted to him for the purpose.

The saving agreement

It was arranged that Dorothy should go to Stowmarket as a paying pupil, her parents agreeing to pay the whole of her pension, £3 per month, to Mr. Falconer. It was agreed that the child could be removed from the school on one month's notice being given.

After a few months' separation, Mrs. Read began to regret having sent her daughter away. She again consulted Mr. Clark, and on his advice wrote to Mr. Falconer, advising him when she would come to Stowmarket to fetch Dorothy.

On Whit Monday of this year, the date advised, Mr. and Mrs. Read went to Stowmarket, Mrs. Read carrying her new-born baby, less than a month old.

As they were nearing the vicarage, after a walk of nearly two miles from the station, the Reads met Mr. Falconer coming to meet them.

He informed the astonished parents that he had decided not to allow Dorothy to return home, as, in his opinion, she would be much happier in his care. To the mother's request to be allowed to see her child, he gave a blunt refusal.

Then Mr. Read lost his temper, and no doubt said things which he ought not to have said. The upshot was, however, that the parents had to return home without Dorothy.

The parents stopped payment of the money they had been sending Mr. Falconer. He threatened them with legal proceedings to recover it.

When a firm of solicitors wrote to him, he suggested that Mr. Read was liable to criminal proceedings for brutally ill-treating Dorothy, and the mother also for neglect.

He wrote to the Canadian Government and repeated his accusations, demanding that Dorothy's pension should be paid directly to him.

To a letter written to him by JOHN BULL, asking him by what authority he retained custody of the child, he replied: "It is owing entirely to the brutality of the step-father that she has not been returned to her home. I have consequently been requested to retain the custody of the child for the present."

Serious position

This seems the proper place to advise Mr. Falconer that nobody can legally request or authorise him to retain custody of the child but her parents, and that her step-father is her legal guardian.

We are satisfied that the difficulties which necessitated the removal of the child have now been overcome, and that there are now no grounds for the allegations made by Mr. Falconer.

Mr. Read is not only a man of excellent character, employed on work of a highly responsible nature, but both he and his wife declare that Dorothy on her return home will receive the same care and attention as their other children.

Dorothy Davis, at the age of eight

The Reads have been advised that in order to obtain possession of their daughter it will be necessary for them to bring an action in the High Court against Mr. Falconer. Such a course is beyond their means.

We have no doubt that Dorothy has been well cared for during her absence from home, and that Mr. Falconer's attitude is actuated by the best of motives. But that is not the point.

On March 30 he informed Mrs. Read that "we require at all times a month's notice before the removal of a child." Since that date, Mr. Falconer has known that he is retaining the child against the express wishes of her parents.

There is another and more serious aspect of the matter. Dorothy's state of health is such that it is essential that she should be within easy reach of her family doctor who knows the history of her case.

This is a point which is a source of grave anxiety to her mother, and one which Mr. Falconer will do well seriously to consider.

Half-Crown Medical Secrets

A New Home Doctor

"WHY not make your own medicines for a few pence per bottle?" is the question asked in an advertisement which invites people to send half-a-crown for a "Medicine Book, by Analyst."

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Warning to clients

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And who is the seller of these patented secrets? It is none other than Albert Feather, of White Abbey Road, Bradford, whose activities have come under our notice before.

When we last heard of him, however, he was advertising a new system of piano-playing and hawking a book of money-making ideas.

Making money at home

In sending out his present "Medicine Book," he invites purchasers to send a further half-crown for his volume, "How to Make Money at Home." He adds, by following the valuable instructions and advice, "You will soon be making more money than you have ever made in your life before."

Albert's slogan is, "Earn an honest living without hard work." Selling rubbishy printed matter and "ideas" to mugs may be easy work, but not everyone will deem it honest.

A Father's Double Shock

Army Authorities' Callous Conduct

ABOUT two months ago an East Kirkby reader, Mr. T. H. Smith, was shocked to receive a wire to the effect that his son, who had been serving in the 11th Hussars at Shorncliffe, had died from "accidental gunshot wounds."

No details were given, but the telegram went on to say that if the father wished his boy to be sent home for burial and was not in a position to meet the expense the Government would make necessary arrangements.

Acting on these brief instructions, Mr. Smith decided upon a funeral at home. Later, he sent in the undertaker's account for £7 3s. 6d.

Counting farthings

The next communication, however, came from the War Office explaining that only £4 odd had been granted towards the funeral expenses, the balance being deducted from the late soldier's pay and the proceeds derived from selling his kit.

But when these involved calculations had been made, it transpired that there was still £5 5s. 7d. payable to the soldier's next of kin. Now, with the military authorities showing such scrupulous care in estimating the monetary side of this tragedy to the last farthing, it is surprising to find them exhibiting a callous indifference to all human aspects of the affair.

Callous attitude

It is true that our reader received a letter of condolence from his son's officer, but he assures us that, apart from this, he was given no explanations of how the tragedy occurred, and no report of any kind.

His agony of mind, therefore, can be understood; and that agony was in no way abated when someone drew his attention to a newspaper paragraph bearing the terrible revelation that his boy had died by his own hand!

Whatever the circumstances of this soldier's sorry end, it was surely the duty of the authorities to communicate fully with the bereaved parents, and their callous, matter-of-fact attitude is greatly to be deplored.

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OUR contributor was the Canadian representative at the last Disarmament Conference. In view of the new move now being made at Geneva, his views carry considerable weight and deserve serious attention

Flirting with Murder

by COLONEL DAVID CARNEGIE

THREE distinct impressions remain from my visit to the last Assembly of the League of Nations—that the nations believe that armaments are no security against war; that they also believe that the Covenant of the League, amended to provide compulsory arbitration, is the best security against war; and that the nations believe that Great Britain is blocking the way to real security.

Armaments exist to-day because of the feeling of lack of security, a feeling that our possessions of to-day may be torn from us by the events of to-morrow. Eighty years ago the Parliaments of Europe discovered that armaments produced war.

In 1899 and again in 1907 the nations met at The Hague to stop the competition in armaments, but failed. In 1914 the world's security in armaments proved false. Four years' butchery of the world's best sons and nine more years' misery and suffering since have brought that fact home.

The lessons of the war produced the League of Nations, but they have failed to stop the competition in armaments.

Precept and practice

All nations admit that they are in the grips of a system which not any one of them alone can break, but which will crush them all if it continues. They see that this mad haste in the race of armaments is like that of a terror-stricken imbecile fleeing from his own shadow.

They would like to trust one another, but do not. They cannot, so long as they see behind the League oratory, and all the professions of good will, a furious rush to accumulate armaments, with no enemy in sight.

The old practice of the nations, which led to the catastrophe in 1914, to have armaments strong enough to resist the strongest possible aggressor, is to-day's practice, and the nations see that with it they are heading for war.

It is toying with a mighty problem to try to settle it by mathematics. For nearly four years the Temporary Mixed Commission for the reduction of armaments, of which I had the honour of being the Canadian member, worked on this problem.

At first the commission believed that by assembling all the factors of a nation's fighting strength and determining for each factor some military value, that an acceptable plan for the reduction of armaments could be found. It failed.

The way to security

Then the nations were asked to say what armaments each considered necessary for two purposes—the first for resisting external aggression and the second for maintaining order in their own countries.

The answers were appalling. They disclosed the fact that, in spite of having signed treaties of peace based upon good will and confidence, the nations submitted requirements based upon international fear and suspicion.

The amount of armaments required for maintaining internal order, on the statements of the Governments themselves, was almost negligible. The vast wealth of money and men required was to be used almost entirely for resisting aggression which they feared from their neighbours.

The most pathetic part of these estimates was the revelation that each State saw itself the possible victim of aggression by one or more of its neighbours.

These replies were sent to the League in 1922–23, long after the Allies had discovered a limit for Germany's armaments, a limit which was to be the first step to a general reduction of armaments. Since then security through arbitration has been soaking into the minds of the nations as the surest way to a reduction of armaments.

Let us examine its value.

My second impression was that nations believe security can be established through arbitration. All members of the League have signed the Covenant of the League. Every article in the covenant aims at security through co-operation.

Door to war closed

During the past seven years disputes, which might have led to war, have been settled satisfactorily by the ordinary machinery of arbitration set up by the League. But armaments continue to accumulate.

What is lacking? There hangs over the nations the fear that war is still possible in spite of the covenant. The nations want that possibility removed.

What is known as the optional clause of the statute for the Permanent Court of International Justice closes the door to war. It has in it the principle of compulsory arbitration. Germany has given the lead to the big Powers by signing this clause. What is this clause? The usual form of acceptance is as follows:

"On behalf of —— I recognise, in relation to any other member or State which accepts the same obligation—that is to say, on the sole condition of reciprocity—the jurisdiction of the Court as compulsory *ipso facto* and without special convention."

This is the way out for the nations. Armaments of aggression will cease to be made when the nations agree not only to submit their disputes to, but accept the awards of, the Permanent Court of International Justice. Is this possible, one asks? It is possible.

Asking the impossible

Armaments are not made for ornaments. The museums are already overcrowded with the relics of men's folly. It is dawning upon the public opinion of the world that compulsory arbitration for the settlement of disputes between nations is the only safeguard against war. Slavery has been abolished. Why not war?

My third impression, that the nations believe that Britain blocks the way, is gathered from a few facts.

Sir Austen Chamberlain left the last Assembly cold after his speech on September 10. All his earnestness in begging the delegates to cast no doubt upon the sacredness of Britain's obligations to the covenant seemed to them insincere when he said they were asking the impossible if they expected, for every frontier, the guarantee Britain had given in the Locarno Treaties.

What they do expect for every frontier is the fulfilment of the pledge given in the covenant that "the members of the League undertake to respect and preserve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the League."

True it is that in the Locarno Treaties specific help is named to certain countries, but general assistance is pledged on the advice of the Council to all countries.

Britain's rejection of the principle of compulsory arbitration has never been fully understood by the nations. Twenty States have signed the optional clause of the Permanent Court.

Colonel David Carnegie

Britain puts the brake on by turning it down. Why? That is what the nations are asking. Is it because Britain believes that the present *status quo* of territory cannot be maintained? We as a nation and part of an Empire they say are on slippery ground if that is the answer.

The leader halts

The nations wonder. They look at our Empire. They see the territories we have conquered. They look at our armaments and think they are the hen that has laid the golden eggs and that we do not want to part with the hen. Our example is a spur to the nations to increase their armaments instead of to reduce them, and so long as this continues, we keep alive the elements of war.

Britain blocks the way to get rid of this nefarious traffic in arms. She signed the Convention on June 17, 1925, but the treaty is of no effect until ratified by fourteen States. Britain, which is the biggest armaments country in the world, says she will wait for the simultaneous ratification by all the other big Powers.

France has ratified. Britain withholds her hand when she ought to give the lead. It is well known that the continuance of this traffic causes war.

Is it any wonder that the nations throw doubt upon the sincerity of our policy. They saw the Treaty of Mutual Assistance thrown out by one Government and the Geneva Protocol by another. They observe the lip-service to the League and at the same time an unaccountable hostility to its ideals in our actions.

It is of no use booming "Locarno" unless we are consistent in our policy for the peace of the world and the outlawry of war.

The people must act!

The subject of armaments is high above Party politics. The Government of this country cannot go in advance of the people, but the people must act if the world is to be saved from another war. If the Government is acting contrary to the wishes of the people, one must be returned to power which will carry out their wishes.

I shall never believe that this country wants another war, but the nations must believe that we are sincere in our desires to remove the causes of war. At present they do not.

Until Britain gives a decided lead by reducing her armaments and accepting the optional clause of the Permanent Court, she will continue to block the way to peace.

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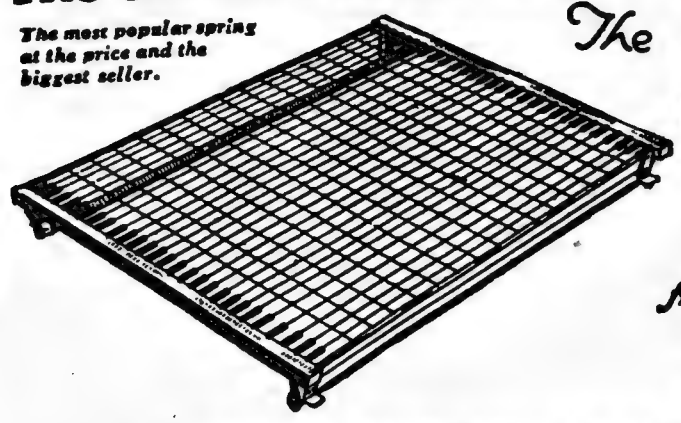

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To the Rt. Hon. WALTER GUINNESS, M.P. Minister of Agriculture.

DEAR SIR,—The Empire Marketing Board has embarked upon a big publicity campaign to increase the consumption of fresh liquid milk. It is a reproach that our present consumption is less than that of any other European nation. But how consumption can increase without unemployment first decreasing would puzzle a Solomon. Those who most need fresh milk are totally unable to buy it. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir W. JOYNSON-HICKS, M.P., Home Secretary.

DEAR SIR,—When I wrote to congratulate you on your personal visit to certain of our factories, I was encouraged to foresee good arising therefrom by your public promise to bring the bad into line with the good. It is with profound regret, therefore, that I mark your later pronouncement that this will be practicable only to a strictly limited extent. Please think again, nor lose sight of the fact that the welfare of workers must ever be the prime consideration. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. J. R. MACDONALD, M.P., Upper Frognal Lodge, Frognal, N.W.

DEAR SIR,—Your words about moral enthusiasm being a necessary part of every workman's equipment strike home to the root of the matter. Germany has recovered herself because her leaders, after the war, sat down and thought matters out. We have blundered along anyhow, with the result that no one is happy or satisfied. Do your best to awaken the nation to the need for thorough reorganisation. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. D. LLOYD GEORGE, M.P., O.M., Addison Road, W.

DEAR SIR,—Families rendered homeless by the recent storms are sheltering in Criccieth Town Hall, making a local problem for the council. Houses must be built or rebuilt, and the £50 given by yourself and your good wife towards this end is a good start. It is practical sympathy of the right sort. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. PHILIP SNOWDEN, M.P., St. Ermins, Caxton Street, S.W.

DEAR SIR,—Socialism which seeks to stamp out individuality is spurious statesmanship, a truth which you fully recognise. "Reforms are a curse which fail to call forth reciprocal action and co-operation on the part of the people," you insist. A nation whose citizens shirk personal responsibility is a nation doomed. JOHN BULL.

To General Sir R. BADEN-POWELL, G.C.V.O., Chief Scout, the Boy Scout Movement.

DEAR SIR,—I have constantly upheld the splendid organisation and discipline of the Boy Scout Movement, and have been constantly assured by its promoters that it is "a non-military organisation." I therefore await with some interest your explanation of the fact that "at the request of the Boy Scouts Association, the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs has undertaken to organise competitions for a challenge shield, which are shot annually by troop teams of six." JOHN BULL.

To Sir ALFRED RAWLINSON, Grosvenor Place, Westminster.

DEAR SIR,—When summoned at Marylebone for driving without a motor-licence, it was stated that already you had been convicted seven times for this offence, and that you had been proved guilty of an enormous number of other motoring irregularities. In my opinion, your stubborn disregard of the law amounts to deliberate contempt of court, and I trust you will not get off with a 40s. fine again. JOHN BULL.

To Sir WALTER DE FRECE, D.L., M.P., Western House, Hove.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your question, the Government stated its refusal to legislate with reference to the private performance of banned plays, and in my opinion it decided wisely. Since the utility of an official censor is a debatable point, and so many matters of vital importance await Parliament's attention, to waste time on such trifles is folly. JOHN BULL.

To Judge WHITMORE RICHARDS, Chester County Police Court.

DEAR SIR,—When Sydney Husband Leavsley, a lad of nineteen, was charged with stealing threepenny-worth of dry bread because he was fatherless and motherless, homeless and starving, you considered it your "painful duty" to sentence him to four months' hard labour. I trust the Home Office will consider it a pleasant duty to revise this sentence. JOHN BULL.

To the DUCHESS OF ATHOLL, M.P., D.B.E., Parliamentary Secretary, Board of Education.

DEAR MADAM,—Presiding at the twelfth biennial conference of the National Special Schools Union, you heard, from Mr. Newton, Assistant Education Officer of the L.C.C., many sound opinions on the value of good school meals, well and tastefully served. Although we have special provisions for school meals to be provided in necessitous areas, there is merely a haphazard method of applying them. I recommend this question of meals for necessitous school children to your special consideration. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. ERNEST BEVIN, Central Buildings, Westminster.

DEAR SIR,—You hit the mark when you said that had unemployment, like smallpox, been a contagious disease, the problem would have been settled long ago. The pity is that the Government neglects the poison because it is slow and insidious. Sooner or later, of course, it will ruin the whole body politic. The Empire needs the whole life-blood of the nation kept healthy by work and decent living. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. Alderman JOSIAH GUNTON, Guildhall, London.

DEAR SIR,—When a man with a number of previous convictions appeared before you, charged with attempted housebreaking, you learned that he had made a real effort to reform since 1921. Though, for the protection of society and as a warning to others, you felt it your duty to send him to prison, you promised that you yourself would give him a job on his release. Your goodness of heart is as commendable as your understanding mind. JOHN BULL.

Straight from the Shoulder

MR. BALDWIN:—"The Treasury is notoriously a very quick mover."
Especially when it has its hand in everybody's pocket.

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MR. CHURCHILL:—"I am paying the strictest attention to all my pledges."
Judgment reserved until the next Budget!

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DEAN INGE:—"Christianity is not primarily a doctrine to be believed, but a life to be lived."
And in sympathy, not condemnation, of others.

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MRS. ACTON BOND:—"The majority of people are out of touch with poetry."
Life reduced to a tragic bread scramble has no use for trimmings.

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MR. REID MILLER:—"Unless steps are taken to stem the tide, Scotland will be merely a colony of the Irish Free State."
Rubbish, and, if anybody could be found to believe it, pernicious rubbish at that.

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Without Fear or Favour—by the Editor

WILL THEY DARE?

THE BRISTLING FOG

A Challenge to Sincerity

THE Russian bombshell at Geneva in the shape of a proposal that everybody should scrap all armaments altogether and all at once has caused a great deal of talk.

Most of it, we are afraid, is ill-informed and not a little of it is basely hypocritical. To charge the Russians with lack of sincerity is not at all impressive unless their proposal has been accepted and their insincerity in making it proved.

The mistake that most people make in dealing with the Russians is a complete failure to realise that, whatever they may or may not be, they are political realists to their finger-tips.

Their ideas may be good or bad. People may like their ideas or may dislike them. But what they say they mean, and when they say "disarmament," they mean "disarmament."

If this proposal has done nothing else, it has achieved the very desirable object of causing the Disarmament Commission sooner or later to talk about the thing for which presumably it was assembled—disarmament.

THE public memory is short, and few people to-day recollect the very specific pledge that was given to Germany before the Treaty of Versailles was signed, a pledge which was the sole reason that secured the German signature to that Treaty.

It is worth while giving the exact words of that pledge. Before Germany signed the Treaty of Versailles, a document was sent to her by all the allied representatives, and in this document was this clause:

"The Allied and Associated Powers wish to make it clear that their requirements in regard to German armaments were not made solely with the object to rendering it impossible for Germany to resume her policy of military aggression. They are the first steps towards that general reduction and limitation of armaments which they seek to bring about as one of the most fruitful preventives of war, and which will be one of the first duties of the League of Nations to promote."

At the end of all these years how far has that pledge been carried out. How far have the nations attempted to carry out that pledge?

They have not carried it out at all. They have not made the slightest attempt to carry it out. They have talked, and talked, and talked, and done nothing except to shelve the whole question year after year.

THEY cannot now very well continue so to do. There is no question, of course, that the Russian plan will be rejected. There is no question that at the moment it is a thoroughly impossible and impracticable proposal. But it has thrown as definite a challenge down to the nations of the world as could well be imagined.

For the obvious retort when the proposal is rejected is: "You are not prepared to scrap all your armaments. Then which of them, and how many of them, *are* you prepared to scrap?"

And with the eyes of the anxious taxpayers in every country fixed on their representatives at Geneva, we venture to prophesy that there is not a nation represented there that will dare to evade giving some sort of a definite answer to that very definite question.

Not only do the peoples of the world desire disarmament for the sake of security from the menace of another world disaster, but the people—and even the statesmen and financiers—have come to realise that disarmament is thoroughly good business.

To play at being savages is altogether too expensive a game for the civilised nations of Europe. The money that is at present being poured down the bottomless pit of armaments is far too badly needed for other purposes to be poured there much longer.

We shall be sorry for the representatives of any country that dare, after this, to shelve yet again the only question that matters to the peoples of the world.

Lord Cushenden, Britain's representative at Geneva

A VEIL WE MUST LIFT

"Suffer Little Children"

THE other day eight Ministerialists voted against the Government on the Insurance Bill. Liberals pledged to support the Government have also recently been noticed in the Opposition Lobby.

There is a heavy, menacing rumble of indignation against the astounding inaction with regard to unemployment. Strong men are angry. They are gathering their forces against the day when they will have the opportunity to make their anger convincingly felt.

Meanwhile, with all the power and earnestness at command, we put in a plea for those who are not angry but merely helpless, suffering victims of man's selfishness and social and economic mismanagement.

We speak for the children of the miners, child victims of the long-drawn-out grim tragedy being lived through in the mining areas to-day.

The acute distress in South Wales baffles the most eloquent to tell. Take Blaina, typical of the rest. Famished children, gaunt men, haggard women throng its streets. Guardians, co-operative societies, relief committees are at their wits' ends to meet the need. It is too vast for local effort.

Think of it! *Famished children* in this country, the hub of the Empire, the richest in the world. What would happen if these child victims were heard of from the far corners of the earth?

There would be immediately launched, probably from the Mansion House of the Metropolis, a great national appeal. Funds in thousands would be raised. Food ships would be chartered. Women of all ranks would vie with one another in making warm clothing to cover tiny shrunken limbs, and relief corps would gladly volunteer to go out to the famine lands.

It would be done simply and unostentatiously, because it is against all British feeling and tradition to see children in the throes of starvation.

If there is a conspiracy of silence about the plight of these children here at home in our midst, it must be broken. If a veil has been dropped over the face of facts it must be lifted.

Christmas will soon be here, and the air will be filled with messages of peace and good will. They will be mockery only, and the festival itself a gigantic hypocrisy, if, before it rises, we do not insist that Parliament fulfils the communal obligation to see that no child in these stricken areas goes unclothed or unfed.

The choice before the nation is simple. If, this Christmas, it does not honour Him Who said, "Suffer little children that they come," it must turn the Children's Festival into the dreadful travesty, "We do not care whose little children suffer so long as we and ours are comfortable, warm and fed."

MILK

A Great Lead

MOST people think that a penny-worth of practice is worth more than a pound of precept; but a group of farmers in the North is busy putting the thing to actual test.

The group is engaged in the production and distribution of absolutely pure, clean milk. For years we have pressed home this question, believing it vital to the child life of the nation.

We have pressed for more stringent regulations and have had the satisfaction of seeing a strong forward movement initiated by the Ministry of Health.

The final responsibility rests with the conscience of the individual. That is what makes the enterprise of the handful of farmers trading under the names of the Tollesby Farm Dairy Company and the Bruntons Farm Produce Company so valuable.

Seven large farms in Cleveland will be worked by these companies. Some of their grass lands have for long been subjected to experiments with manures prepared by the Synthetic Ammonia and Nitrates Co., Ltd., and are noted for rich and early grazing.

Dairy methods in Denmark have been studied and the finest processes are followed. The milk is passed through a cooling plant to ensure keeping. It is automatically sealed in sterilised bottles by intricate machinery.

Yet even the machine tenders wear spotless white caps and overalls. And, as a final perfection, those who produce their dairy products under such ideal conditions are also the distributors.

The result will be seen in the great industrial town of Middlesbrough, which they serve, in the improved child-physique in years to come. The Brunton family, inspirers of this enterprise, is giving the country a great lead.

My £2,000 a Week Idea

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

IN the welter of serious problems with which we are surrounded, our greatest lack is exact knowledge, free from political bias. Why not create a non-political department whose sole function should be to tell us the truth?

The Rt. Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P., who rightly criticises the belligerent attitude of mind of both employers and employed in far too many cases

SOME time ago I went to a luncheon given by the film trade to an American film magnate. He said some very cutting things about the reasons for films being what they are, and ended his speech with the remark: "What the film industry needs is a good few funerals all over the world."

I was reminded forcibly of this when I read an article by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in which, discussing the question of industrial peace, he says: "The mentality of the past is still to be found on both sides. Employers still think that it is not the workers' business to know what is stored up in the counting-house or what is discussed in board-rooms; and the workers are full of suspicion and want to know exactly what they are letting themselves in for."

This, in more polite language, is pretty much what the film magnate said.

Relics of the past

The attitude displayed by the workers' organisations on the one side and the employers' organisations on the other belongs to the past. It has precious little relation to either the realities or the needs of the present, and most certainly it has nothing whatever to do with the future.

Even if you put aside all the other causes of bad trade, bad workmanship, bad organisation, and slack business, it is not surprising that things are not rosy so long as a tremendous "fighting fund" is continually being built up by the trade unions, thereby compelling the piling up of a bigger fighting fund on the part of the employers.

I have repeatedly urged, because I believe it to be profoundly true, that industrial peace and amicable relationships between employers and employed are not, and never can be, matters of rules and regulations laid down by organisations on either side.

It is a matter of the spirit in which work is approached. The very terms "employer" and "workman" are as much relics of the past as the attitude of mind Mr. Ramsay MacDonald very rightly condemns.

The mad dog

These are no longer the days in which a so-called employer can afford to be idle. He works as hard as, and in most cases a great deal harder than, the men he employs. In any business organisation to-day from top to bottom every unit is a worker. If this is not so the business will very speedily fall to the ground.

That is why I think it is so foolish for huge organised bodies of trade unionists to keep, as it were, a mad dog in their backyard and work in order to feed it and keep it in good health. For if the professional agitator is not a mad dog he is as near to one as makes no matter.

Even Mr. Walter Citrine, the General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, admitted the other day that "Trade unionism has reached the end of a definite stage in its evolution."

If that statement means anything it means that trade unionism has reached the end of its function as a mere fighting machine, and that its next stage must be one of partnership in the fullest sense of the word with the much despised "capitalist."

Quite apart from the fact that the sheer necessities of the situation are driving this idea home into the heads of both employers and employed, there is another enormously important factor which is of quite recent growth.

Missing department

The country to-day is not the country of even ten or fifteen years ago. Slowly and imperceptibly there has grown up a kind of rudimentary national intelligence. Education has slowly but surely done its work, and there are very few people to-day who cannot understand an argument and who cannot appreciate facts if these are placed dispassionately before them.

There is one thing I should like to see established, and established at once. We have numerous Government departments, but we lack the most important Government department of all.

I regard it as an extremely practical suggestion that we should set up a Ministry of Progress, the sole duty of which would be to supply the country with scientifically accurate facts about all the problems that are or should be exercising the minds of the electorate.

Into such a Ministry would pour information of every kind, to be sorted and sifted and collated and sent out again in the form of articles which would bear the stamp of unimpeachable honesty and authority, so that when the time came to elect Members of Parliament the election would be carried out by an electorate that would be well informed and able to speak with knowledge.

If anyone tells me that this would be an enormous expense to the country, I can only say that I would cheerfully undertake to run such a department on something like £2,000 a week, which in the course of a year would be less than we spend to keep up the interesting but useless Victoria and Albert Museum in South Kensington.

Politics barred

And I venture to assert that the amount of good that would be done by that expenditure would in the course of even the first twelve months bring untold rewards in the shape of national sanity and informed public opinion.

The whole trouble in the rather pathetic search that is taking place for some avenue towards the industrial peace that everybody knows is vital for the prosperity of the country is that both sides, and the vast public that is outside the actual sphere of combat, are groping in the dark.

There is a tremendous amount of good will being generated, but it is largely evaporating because it has nothing solid on which to focus.

Such a Ministry as I have suggested, with of course the guarantee that it should be absolutely outside and above politics, concerned solely with telling the truth, would do more in six months to shed a blinding light on our problems and their solution than conferences and ill-informed talk could do in six years.

Besides, it would have the incalculable advantage of forcing a forward outlook on people by reason of its very name. A Ministry of Progress would have the positive object of indicating not only what is wrong but the best means of putting it right.

Whether its recommendations would be adopted or not would be in the hands of voters who, with full knowledge of the facts, could instruct their Members of Parliament as they pleased.

Prison must always be the last resort. It is a scandal that thousands are sent there who ought not to be sent

The Impecun

THE other day the Home Secretary stated that nearly 15,000 persons were sent to prison in default of payment of fines in 1925. He gave the total with every appearance of satisfaction, simply because it compares more than favourably with the pre-war figures.

Sir W. Joynson-Hicks

I can see nothing to be pleased about. The total ought to shock and not to satisfy. I care nothing for what the pre-war figures were. A reduction in an evil does not make the evil that is left less evil.

It is enough for me that nearly 15,000 men and women, boys and girls, were, in one year, sent to prison, there to be treated exactly as criminals are treated, for such trivial offences that fines were, in the opinion of the magistrates, an adequate punishment.

I would like to add some further figures to the ones given by Sir W. Joynson-Hicks. Besides the thousands who went to prison in 1925 because they couldn't or didn't pay fines, 2,743 county court debtors went to prison; 6,312 men were jailed for the non-payment of maintenance or affiliation orders, 1,859 for non-payment of rates, 329 for non-payment of income-tax and 2,741 for begging or sleeping out.

POVERTY, we are told, is not a crime. Imprisonment for debt was abolished long ago. And yet people whose only crime is their poverty are regularly sent to prison, and "debtors" figure year after year in the Prison Commissioners' Report. What humbugs we are!

Poverty not a crime? Read this extract from the report of the Governor of Birmingham Prison: "I am still of opinion that a number of persons reach prison in default of paying who really are unable to pay at the time, but who could possibly pay by instalments."

The fines, for the non-payment of which people go to prison, are often for the most trivial of offences. Read this extract from the report of the Governor of Cardiff Prison: "I regret to say that

A Howling Pantomime

by A. G. GARDINER

IT is useless to shout "Buy British" and expect to sell inferior goods. There is only one way of beating the foreigner and that is by producing better goods and cheaper goods. And tinkering restrictions on trade must be ruthlessly wiped out

"THOSE whom the gods wish to destroy, they first drive mad," says the Latin proverb. We are not yet destroyed, but if the gods have not driven us mad I am no judge of the symptoms of madness. Let us take a glance at one or two of the symptoms.

First, consider the Christmas pantomime that has been staged in the shops by the precious Merchandise Marks Act, passed last year by the Government.

I call it a pantomime, and it is a pantomime for the gods no doubt; but for the humble shopkeeper it is more like a tragedy, and last week a deputation, representing practically all the big stores in the country, waited on the President of the Board of Trade to ask him how they were to get out of the mess into which he has plunged them.

There seems no way out, except that being proposed in the House of Commons—to suspend the Act during the Christmas trade.

Stupid illusion

There could not be a better illustration of the mischief of interfering with trade than this fiasco provides. The idea behind it is that if you compel shopkeepers to mark their goods with the name of the country from which they come it will stimulate the sale of British goods.

If they see "France," "Germany," or "Japan" on the article, they will turn away and say, "Give me something British."

I believe that is an illusion. If I am wrong, anyone who goes shopping will be able to correct me from his (or still more her) own experience. Do you ask yourself, "Is this the best and cheapest thing I can get?" and buy accordingly, or do you say, "Where was this made?" and take the inferior article if it is British?

Am I right in saying that you buy what suits you best, wherever it comes from? I think you do. I think you act like a well-known Member of Parliament who is a tremendous fellow on "buying British" and who went to the motor-show and bought an Italian car. No doubt about it. His name was on the car as the purchaser.

I did not blame him for buying what he wanted. I blame him and those like him who cant about this question, and pass silly Acts that paralyse business.

Unspeakable confusion

But if the Merchandise Marks Act were only useless there would be no complaint to make against it. The trouble is, that while it does nothing to stimulate British manufacture, it does much to ruin British commerce. It compels the shopkeeper to label every article he sells.

Perhaps, as in the big stores, he has four or five thousand assistants. How can he expect them to know the country of origin of all the goods they handle? Indeed, it is often impossible to know, for the goods are bought through a merchant who in some cases himself does not know.

The confusion becomes unspeakable when you get down to things like toys. A teddy bear's eyes may have come from Germany and its tail from Czecho-Slovakia; or a toy engine may have been made in France and enamelled in Switzerland. What is the wretched assistant to do about it?

And all this incredible waste and muddle and expense are imposed in order to achieve—nothing. Of course, the cost of it all comes out of the consumer, but the worst of the evil is not the cost. It is the confusion and irritation it brings into trade.

Take another type of mischief. If there is one thing more disastrous than tariffs it is subsidies. We know what ruin the subsidy did in the coal trade. An even more flagrant example is that of sugar.

With the object of promoting the growth and manufacture of beet sugar in this country, a huge subsidy has been given to the industry out of the taxpayers' pockets. In four years that subsidy has cost us £10,000,000. But sugar produced in this country is being sold to-day at 29s. per cwt.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, President of the Board of Trade.

Each hundredweight so sold costs the taxpayer 26s. 10½d. in subsidy and preference.

That is alarming enough; but it is not the worst. In creating this artificial business out of our pockets, the Government is destroying a great, established and prosperous British industry—that of sugar-refining. Four out of the five sugar refineries at Greenock are closed down. Messrs. Tate and Lyle are contemplating closing down their great factories at Liverpool, the Victoria Docks and Silvertown.

Sand-bagging industry

The whole industry is shattered. Sir John Corcoran, the director of the Union of Sugar Manufacturers, writing in the *Times* a few days ago, says that the sugar refineries' share of British trade has sunk under the operation of the subsidy from 70 per cent. to 45 per cent.

The workers employed in the industry in Greenock alone have fallen from 6,000 to 1,000—all added to the "dole." In all, 20,000 workpeople are threatened.

Thus we ladle out millions collected from the taxpayer in order to destroy a great British industry and to turn thousands of workers into unemployed, also to be kept out of the taxpayers' money. The thing sounds like the politics of Colney Hatch. But it is true. It is going on to-day.

And the authors of this unthinkable folly sit in Parliament and cackle about "buying British" while they are sand-bagging a great British industry. Even this is not the whole of the fantastic story. Sir Leonard Lyle, chairman of Messrs. Tate and Lyle, said last week: "It is well known that Dutch capital is involved in these beet factories. British refiners do not get a penny of the subsidy."

Doctoring gone mad

That is the last touch to this amazing story—the British taxpayer is being taxed 26s. to produce a hundredweight of beet sugar sold at 29s. in order to supplant a self-supporting British industry by a Dutch-owned enterprise. If this is not a symptom of madness, I do not know how madness can be defined.

Neither Sir Leonard Lyle nor anyone else objects to the encouragement of home-grown beet sugar in rational ways; but what I have described has never been equalled since Bo-bo burned down his house to roast his pig.

Interferences with trade, whether by way of tariffs, or subsidies, or regulations like the Merchandise Marks Act, are fatal to industry.

Trade is not a hot-house plant. It needs the free air and the play of the elements to give it vigour and life. The Government is turning it into an invalid and dosing it with deadly medicines.

...nious Martyrs

by ARNOLD FREEMAN HOLT

cases of young persons are still received for minor offences, such as gaming, playing football in the street, and the like."

Children sent to prison for playing football in the street! Doesn't that make your blood boil? Given a taste of prison life, perhaps ruined for life, for playing in what may be, and often is, the only open space available for the children of the very poor!

Of what are the hearts of some of our magistrates made? They must be deficient either in heart or brains.

THE Governor of Birmingham Prison declares that in the case of small penalties for petty crimes, "an almost indefinite time (for payment) should be allowed rather than that the defendant should enter prison for the first time." Yet, in 1925, 205 *boys* were sent to prison because they could not pay their fines on the spot. No time was allowed them in which to scrape the money together.

Prison Commissioners and prison governors are experts in criminology, yet the Great Unpaid ignore their reports and their suggestions and continue with smug complacency to send people to prison who ought never to go to prison at all.

It is not enough to ask such magistrates to allow the people whom they have fined to pay the fine in instalments within their means. Advice is wasted on them. They ought to be compelled to give the necessary grace.

AGAIN, is there any sense in sending over 6,000 men to prison, in one year, for non-payment of maintenance or affiliation orders? I hold no brief for the men concerned, nor have I any sympathy to spare for them. I have for their wives and for the mothers of the illegitimate children.

A man throws his wife and family on the rates. We punish him for doing so by sending him to be kept by the taxpayer. Does that do the wives or children any good?

If we had any common-sense at all would we not order, when a man is in work, the deduction of maintenance or affiliation money in cases of default from his wages? If a man is not in work, how can he pay? Why not find the man work, if only in a labour colony, and *then* make him pay?

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WHO KILLED THE COSTER?

AN INHUMAN ORDER

Squeezing Men to Crime

IN these days of widespread unemployment with its consequent hardship and suffering, it is difficult to believe that any public authority would deliberately deprive men of the means by which they were earning a living.

Yet this is what the London County Council, by the use of powers granted to it under the L.C.C. (General Powers) Act, has done.

It has stopped over five hundred costers and other street traders from earning that subsistence their occupation had provided for them before November 1.

On that date all street traders were required to possess or take out a licence for every market in which they wished to trade. The fee for the licence is only 5s. per year. It does not seem much.

It is not much to the street trader who occupies one stall or one pitch all the year round. It is not much to the man who has a settled butcher's stall or clothes' stall.

Cruel sequel

But between five hundred and one thousand of the street traders are not fixtures in any one market.

With the particular commodities in which they trade, they could not earn a living in one, but must travel *all* the markets, so that, having to take out a licence for each, it would cost one of these men for the licences necessary for him to have the privilege of trading in every London market about £7.

And that only if he stuck to the same commodity all the year round. If he desired to change his class of goods, he would need a new licence for every change.

How can men be expected to do this whose capital, in many cases, is seldom more than a few shillings at any given time?

The regulation or order has had the only possible result. It has stopped men from earning a living and left them the choice of starvation, workhouse or prison.

Here is a case in point: W. J. Williams, of Worgate Street, N., has travelled the markets, selling plant food for eighteen years, using any vacant space or the stall of some absent stall-holder.

Honest trading banned

It would obviously be impossible for him to make a living in any one market, but by travelling all the markets he has been able to earn enough to keep himself and his family.

On November 1 licences were granted to regular stall-holders on the condition that there was no subletting. It was financially impossible for Williams to take out the necessary licences, with the result that he has lost his connection and his living.

His is merely one case out of many.

F. Merrell, of 85, Hotherley Road, Walthamstow, has travelled the markets for twelve years; J. Gebbett, of 9c, Howard Road, Leytonstone, has been street trading for fifteen years; Geo. Jones, of 26, Ninian Square, Islington, for twenty-one years; C. Romnes, 2, Cannon Place, Whitechapel, for ten years; Arthur Ogden, 4, Bradswell Street, N., for twenty years; J. Henderson, 42, Great Chart Street, N., for twenty-three years.

The foregoing are but a few names out of many which—were space

Mr. Ernest Thurtle, M.P., who opposed the Act under which this injustice to street traders has taken place

available—might be given, and they are given merely to show that these men have been earning the means of existence for themselves and their families by honest trading for many years.

Unwise and inhuman

Now they—at least five hundred of them altogether—are robbed of their living at one fell swoop through an order issued by a popularly elected authority, the kind of authority which, more than any other, ought to consider the poor.

The authority does not say "You must not trade." It merely says, "Take out licences for every market in which you wish to trade." It amounts to the same thing.

It amounts to this: these men, not having the money to buy the necessary licences, are unable to earn the money necessary for their keep and for their wives and children in the way in which they have done for years. They must stand idle, hang about the streets and live on the ratepayers.

Is there either wisdom or even common humanity about the regulation? All these men have for years been selling goods which are not wanted enough every day in any one market for that market to provide the trader with a living.

They are poor men, unfortunately, and although poverty is not supposed to be a crime, the punishment of the one often differs little in effect from the other.

Is there any sanity in an action that prevents them from continuing as self-supporting members of the community and throws them on the already over-burdened rates?

Or throws them into prison? Some of these men—not among those whose names have been mentioned—have been in prison.

That is a heavy handicap for any man who desires to secure employment in the ordinary way; therefore these men, determined to turn into the straight road and to keep to it, took up street trading.

Pleasure, at a cost

Does it need a stretch of imagination to visualise the possible result of the putting to an end of their street-market trading?

Is it wise, is it just, to rob such men of their livelihood and throw them back into temptation in order to please the shopkeepers who resent the competition of the street traders?

That may not have been the object of the L.C.C., but that is certainly one result of its order, because the coster usually sells a little cheaper than the shops.

He supplies the poor, and one result of the driving of the coster from the streets will inevitably mean that the poorest of the poor will have to pay more to the shopkeepers for the goods they formerly bought from the street traders.

Trade journals reflect the pleasure of the retailers at the prospect. It is a pity that that pleasure is at the expense of the poor costers, of whom it is estimated that there are 100,000 in London, and although under one thousand are directly affected now, the rest are wondering what orders the future may have in store for them.

Example to follow

We suggest to the members of the London County Council that they should follow the example set to them by the authorities of the City.

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IT is an accepted principle of British criminal law that crimes of violence merit violent punishment. The classic example is the Garrotters Act of 1863.

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There is much to be said for the plan. The strange thing is, however, that the law which punishes with such wholesome severity assaults upon grown-up people seems to view with relative leniency the deliberate torture of a helpless child.

A tortured child is not likely to hit back, and has nothing to lose but its health and happiness. Consequently, there is no occasion for undue severity.

A month or two in jail, perhaps, or a fine of a few pounds, but the cat-o'-nine-tails—oh dear, no—we are a humane people. And the victims, in many cases, are so very small.

Fiendish father

Take, as an example, a case heard last year at a northern police-court where a father was charged with persistent cruelty towards his two and a half year old son.

The child had been very "naughty," of course; this solemn fact was carefully explained to the magistrates.

By way of punishment the scandalised parent took the toddling transgressor out into the garden, stripped its little body, and made it stand naked in a chill wind.

Then he thrashed the poor mite from head to foot with a thick stick, leaving the tender flesh a mass of weals, and finally burnt its arm with the lighted end of a cigarette.

The magistrates had their duty to perform, but they could not shut their eyes to the fact that a two-year-old baby may need a firm hand. So for the freezing, the flogging and the burning they fined the brute £6, and gave him a month to pay.

At Wisbech, where a man was convicted of severely beating a baby of fourteen months, the chairman of the Bench expressed the hope that afterwards he "would try to keep his temper and not let his vengeance fall on a little innocent child." As a lesson he fined him ten shillings.

Righteous anger

Occasionally, however, magistrates are stirred to just anger. The Merthyr-Tydvil stipendiary, Mr. R. A. Griffith, made no secret of his feelings when a local resident, Stephen Mahoney, was charged with assaulting his son Thomas by throwing half a brick at him, cutting open his nose.

The boy was an invalid, a victim of consumption. A neighbour swore that he was frequently thrashed by his father. Among other cruelties she had seen him beaten with a frying-pan.

It was at this point that the

Lord Justice Greer

stipendiary boiled over. He was satisfied, he declared, that the brick-throwing episode was only one of a long series of inhuman cruelties practised by Mahoney upon his sick son. So Mahoney was sent to jail—for one month.

Precisely the same sentence was awarded, some little time ago, in a case which shocked the Kentish countryside.

A brutal father endeavoured to reproduce at home the form of Army discipline known during the war as "Field Punishment, No. 1"—or, in the popular phrase, crucifixion.

Ghastly cases

On five successive days a boy of nine was tied to a bedstead, with arms outstretched. The neighbours found him unconscious. One month's imprisonment.

At Marlborough Street a man received three months' hard labour for stealing 4s. 3d. from an automatic gas-meter. On the same day, at Manchester, a woman who had forced a three-year-old child against the hot bars of a grate was fined £5.

Most cases of child cruelty are disposed of in the police-courts. Accused persons understand enough of the law to know that, if they are dealt with by the magistrates, six months' imprisonment is the utmost punishment which can be awarded, whereas, if they are sent for trial by a judge and jury, anything up to two years' hard labour may be their just fate.

It is not long since newspaper readers were shocked by terrible accounts of the sufferings of a ten-year-old girl, the victim of a drunken father's insensate cruelty.

When rescued by an inspector of the N.S.P.C.C. the poor child was found bruised from head to heel, her face black and blue, while on closer examination she was found to have been injured in the lower part of the body, apparently through a kick from the man's nailed boot.

This horrible case, fortunately, went to the sessions, where the culprit received twelve months' hard labour, a sentence which might have been doubled without undue severity.

Soft-hearted or soft-headed?

But if it had been left to the local magistrates, six months would have been the heaviest possible sentence, with the probability that half this penalty, or less, would have been considered adequate by a soft-hearted—or soft-headed—Bench.

At the instance of the Shaftesbury Guardians, a woman was summoned before the local magistrates for ill-treating three children, a boy of eight and two girls of six.

According to a Ministry of Health inspector, the children, who had been "boarded out" by the guardians, had been "cruelly and barbarously beaten" by their foster-mother, all three of them being heavily bruised.

Six months' hard labour? Not a bit of it. A fine of 20s.—and next time don't let the marks show.

Following a revolting case at the Lincolnshire Assizes, the Grand Jury sent a recommendation to the Home Secretary. Its opinion was that judges should be empowered to order the lash, in addition to other punishment, in cases of gross cruelty to young children.

A little later, Lord Justice Greer, when sitting as an assize judge at Leeds, "regretted exceedingly that the only weapon given to judges for dealing with such cases was sending the accused to prison."

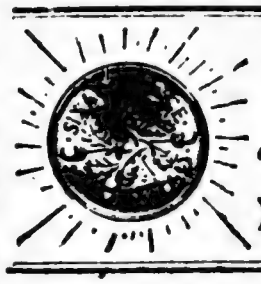
These protests, however, seem to have fallen on deaf ears. It is not like it was in 1863, when grown citizens were being mercilessly mauled by brutal ruffians and valuable property stolen.

Wholesome fear

Then it was easy enough to persuade Parliament to pass a stern measure, and judges to use it, but when it is merely a question of babies bruised, burned and beaten by unnatural parents, or fiendishly tortured by brutal guardians, the conscience of the nation is less easily stirred.

"The unnecessary tear of a child is a blood-spot on the face of Nature," said Cardinal Manning. Some day, perhaps, our hearts will be big enough to contain this truth; but, meanwhile, it is the province of the criminal law to inspire the deliberate child-torturer with a wholesome fear of retribution.

Magistrates who look with leniency upon such cases are aiding and abetting a foul offence.



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A JOB FOR SOLOMON

By J. SMEDLEY CROOKE, M.P.

THE taxpayer pays each Member of Parliament £400 a year. Do M.P.s earn their money? This article discloses a side of Parliamentary work that is very little known

I HAVE always held the view that a Member of Parliament should place himself in the same relation to the people he represents in political and social affairs as the parish priest occupies in spiritual matters.

It is true that this involves the giving up of a great deal of time. Sometimes, too, it means having to exercise the patience of Job, because one places oneself at the disposal of thoughtless, as well as thoughtful, members of the community.

Besides patience, a sense of humour is essential to one occupying the position of general adviser to all sorts and conditions of men and women.

To do this I have for many years held a weekly "At Home," in the poorest part of my division, when I interview anyone wishing to see me.

I often have as many as forty cases to deal with in a night.

Poor, but proud

Military pensioners, housing cases, unemployment, trouble with the landlord, quarrels between neighbours, wives wishing for the return of erring husbands, husbands wishing for the return of erring wives, applications for hospital letters—in fact, every single kind of trouble with which the poor are continuously faced.

Many curious cases come to me. In one instance, a mother brought a young girl to me, who had been accused of stealing. Unfortunately she was found guilty at the court, but I managed to get them time in which to pay the fine, and succeeded in getting the girl fresh employment.

The next week the mother came down again, and I was very pleased to see her, for few of my clients trouble to come down to say "Thank you." But the lady had not come for that purpose. She had come to know whether I could supply her with a pair of boots!

Another curious case was that of a man with three daughters. He himself was out of work, and none of the daughters was doing anything.

I suggested that I could possibly find work for them in domestic service, to which he replied: "Thank you very much, sir, but my girls would not demean themselves by taking up such work."

They all come!

I am afraid that I have become a real nuisance to officialdom throughout the City and in London. I have an endless and ever-increasing correspondence with the City housing authorities, employment exchanges, employers, Justices of the Peace, Ministers of the Crown, solicitors, owners of slum property, charity organisers, and all those whose duty it is to look after the people in whom I am interested.

In order to obtain sufficient information, it is often necessary to ask a great number of questions. But there is one question which is never put, and that is, To what political Party a man or a woman belongs.

I have often recognised in those who come to see me men who have heckled me and interrupted at my own political meetings, and people who are prominent in other political movements, but none of them seems to hesitate when they are in trouble to come and see me.

At any rate, I can say I have never

Mr. J. Smedley Crooke, M.P.

turned any away without attempting to do my best to assist them.

Shocking conditions

Many of the cases would require the wisdom of a Solomon to deal with, and sometimes cases of local quarrels between neighbours, with both sides pleading their own cause, make me sympathise deeply with those who sit in judgment in our courts of law.

My constituency of Deritend is one of the poorest in the Midlands. It is made up of large factories, surrounded with back-to-back houses, courts and courtyards, and is terribly overcrowded. I often have cases of four and five people living in a single room.

What can one do when one realises that in one small house there are fifteen or sixteen people herded together, boys and girls, almost grown up, sharing a room, father out of work, nothing, or practically nothing, coming into the house, the sole support frequently being help from the Board of Guardians?

In some of these cases I can find the man work, in other cases I can help the children into convalescent homes temporarily, to relieve the overcrowding.

But what these people really want is steady, regular employment, and a steady, regular income, and although I have found work for hundreds of men, I am everlastingly faced with a new army, all clamouring for assistance.

To many of my friends in Deritend the landlord appears to be a wicked person, grinding the faces of the unfortunate poor.

But although many cases of bad landlords are brought to me, even the bad landlord seems merciful in comparison with many of those who are tenants of houses, and manage to sub-let one or more rooms.

Profits from poverty

Cases are brought to me where the whole rent of the house is only some eight or nine shillings, but the tenant has succeeded in sub-letting one room at 12s., another room at 9s., and a third, an attic, for a further 7s. 6d.

Profiteering in housing is not done by one class alone, and it is these people who, by their rapacity, take advantage of others even less favourably placed than themselves, who are much to blame for the present housing conditions in many of my areas.

I believe in the personal touch, I believe in personal contact with those whose representative I am.

I know their lives, I know their difficulties and their sorrows, and because I know these things I can deal with matters in the House from an intimate knowledge.

I am helped at my interviews by a few personal friends, all imbued with the same spirit to help the bottom dog, but, of course, everything told to me and those who assist me is treated as confidential.

One of my greatest difficulties is the employment of disabled ex-soldiers. I know numbers of partially disabled men in my own division, out of work, with an inadequate pension and many dependents.

These become gradually more and more hopeless in their outlook on life, and this, added to the depressed condition in which they find themselves as a result of their wounds or disease, causes them to lose all spirit and interest in life.

Smoothing the path

Recently I had the opportunity of bringing before the House a Bill for the compulsory employment of these people, and because I was able to speak from their point of view, succeeded in getting it, without opposition, to the Committee stage.

I keep a record of all the cases that come to me, as many are old friends and come again and again, and it is of great assistance to be able to refer to their dockets. This record is kept for me by a disabled ex-soldier, who is thus able to earn a little to eke out his pension.

It is interesting, and I believe helpful, work. There are many who grumble when I cannot help them, but too frequently these are people who will not help themselves.

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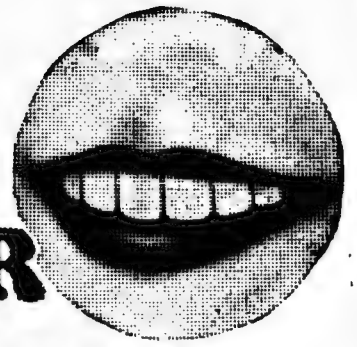

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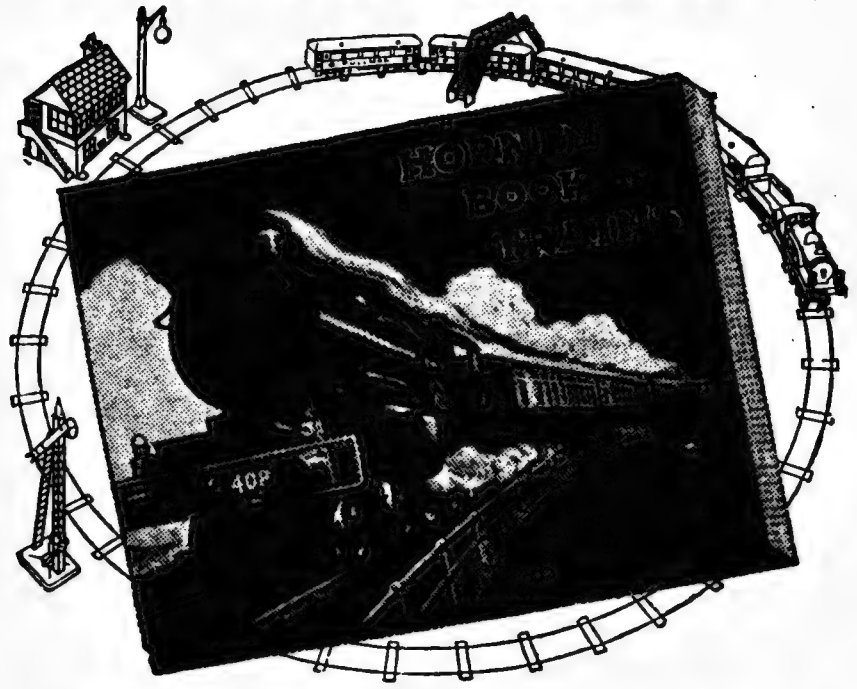

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by MAJOR T. H. HAGUE (*Secretary-General, National Union of Limbless ex-Service men*)

LET no man deceive himself into thinking that the signing of an Armistice or the ratification of a Peace Treaty brings the sufferings of war to an end. The price of the victory of 1918 is still being paid in many a humble home where men, who ten years ago faced the enemy without flinching, dread lest they should now lose faith in themselves

ONE morning, eighteen months ago, a pale-faced, haggard little woman came to see me, bearing an important message from her husband who had lost both legs in the war.

Her shabby dress was neat, and bore signs of the skilled attention of her needle, and on her flushed face were signs of a consumptive not getting proper nourishment to combat that fell disease.

In faltering tones, and with tears in her eyes, she told her simple story. After many years of silent suffering and poverty her husband was "slipping"; dread of what the future might hold in store had done its devastating work, and there was no ray of hope.

Would I call and see her husband *before it was too late* as he wanted to have a quiet talk with me?

I found, as I expected, that little basement home scrupulously clean and well kept, with just as much furniture as was necessary for everyday needs.

The greatest calamity

Comfortable, yes—but nothing more. No gramophone or wireless set to help while away the dreary hours of enforced loneliness, only a few well-thumbed books on the home-made bookshelf.

Everything pointed to the efforts made by each pound note to do the work of thirty shillings, and propped up in his chair in a corner of that back sitting-room was a man whose only fault was that he was losing faith—in God, in his fellow-men and in himself.

No greater calamity than this can befall a man; it marks the spiritual, mental and physical end from which there is no escape.

Any medical man will tell you that this first task in dealing with a patient is to restore or revive the sick man's faith in himself. If we didn't apply the same principles to our work in dealing with limbless men we simply couldn't carry on.

As we sat and smoked, the story came out bit by bit. He spoke but little about himself, for, as he remarked, "What happened to me might have happened to anybody in the trenches." His concern was solely for those whom he loved.

Trimming the lamp

He told me what I had already guessed: that his wife needed fresh air and nourishment if serious consequences were to be averted; the little girl whom he adored was never well; the last unneeded furniture had gone to pay bills overdue; the future held out no ray of hope.

Is there any wonder that behind all this his Lamp of Faith flickered very low?

"Before I join the boys"—and there was a catch in his voice—"I want to ask you just one thing: do you think the wife and children will be looked after when I am gone?"

Those eager eyes watched me closely as he strained forward in his chair to catch my reply. And then I began my cure, first of all by trimming that Lamp.

We overcame his scruples and convinced him that he was still of some use in the world. When he had been fitted with artificial limbs by the Ministry of Pensions—and in all fairness let it be said they were the best limbs human skill could devise—he was again able to walk.

The ailing wife was got away to a home where the doctor's skill and patient nursing, fresh air and good food, brought about her "wonderful recovery."

The sickly child is now strong and well, and "getting to play the piano very nicely," and this happy family now live in a pleasantly situated council house where the legless father "enjoys his Sunday mornings doing a bit of gardening." Wicked fellow!

Major T. H. Hague

Still, he has a good excuse, and may be forgiven, for on the other days of the week he is back at his pre-war trade, in which he is highly skilled, earning a weekly wage many a fit man might envy.

I have since told him the Story of the Lamp, and he regularly sends me "a little oil" for some other comrade's Lamp.

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I would rather have the good will of any one real hero such as this than all the honours and decorations put together which were conferred on the war-profiteers "for public services rendered"—and if my post-bag is any criterion you are with me.

The Sentence of the Court

A DUKE IN DARKNESS

Arms and the Manor

PEERING anxiously about him as though expecting hostilities to break out at any moment, the Duke of Northumberland pleaded "Not guilty," to a charge of wilful misrepresentation.

"This Pooh-Bah of the peerage," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "is not charged as an hereditary land monopolist, a member of the (coal) royalty family, or as Master of the Kennels to the Anti-Bolshevist Sleuthhound Association, but as principal proprietor of the *Morning Post*.

"This quaint viewspaper professes itself an advocate of economy, but the only form of 'economy' it favours consists in starving the social services to aid the anti-social services—to wit, the Fighting Forces. In a recent issue, it announced that our expenditure on social services is 'startling—even stupendous.'

"What, however, it failed to mention is that a huge proportion of the increase which has taken place is accounted for by war pensions and relief rendered necessary by post-war unemployment.

"Even a dunce among dukes must know that the fundamental causes of our enormous expenditure are war and war funk. We are spending nearly twice as much on armaments as before Armageddon, and of every pound raised in taxation, 14s. to 15s. represents the cost of past wars and preparation for future wars.

"Our expenditure on all social services (much of which would never have been necessary but for the war) is £351,515,000, whereas we have to pay £360,000,000 in interest on war debt alone.

"But while a suggestion to raise the school-leaving age will cause his blue blood to boil, the accused can always be relied upon to doff his coronet when the brass hats put forward some costly and fantastic proposal in the interest of 'national safety.'"

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Mr. Strawsplitter said that if the organ of public opinion with which the duke was associated were called the *Morning Post-mortem*, and circulated in the Elysian Fields, its editorial policy might be different.

But in this imperfect world (continued counsel) it was sheer madness to waste on educating the lower orders huge sums which were needed to protect the lives and possessions of those called upon to provide this money. The duke earnestly desired peace, but he realised that the best way to ensure peace was to be prepared for war.

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"'In the first place," said Mr. Justice Bull, "I must point out that the *Mourning Post* is not an organ of public opinion, but of private opinion. Anybody less qualified to represent public opinion than this ducal die-hard could not easily be imagined.

"His latest misrepresentations on the subject of national expenditure show how easy it is for an aristocratic figurehead to have no head for figures.

"When at this time of day, I hear the moss-grown plea that preparation for war ensures peace, I want to scream. All that such preparation does is to breed suspicion—suspicion every bit as justifiable as would be felt by the duke if the Labour Party accumulated bombs at Eccleston Square on the ground that it was merely arming against a hypothetical attack by an unspecified enemy.

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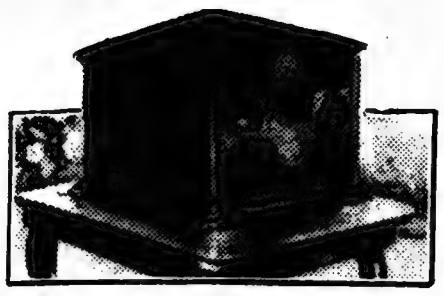

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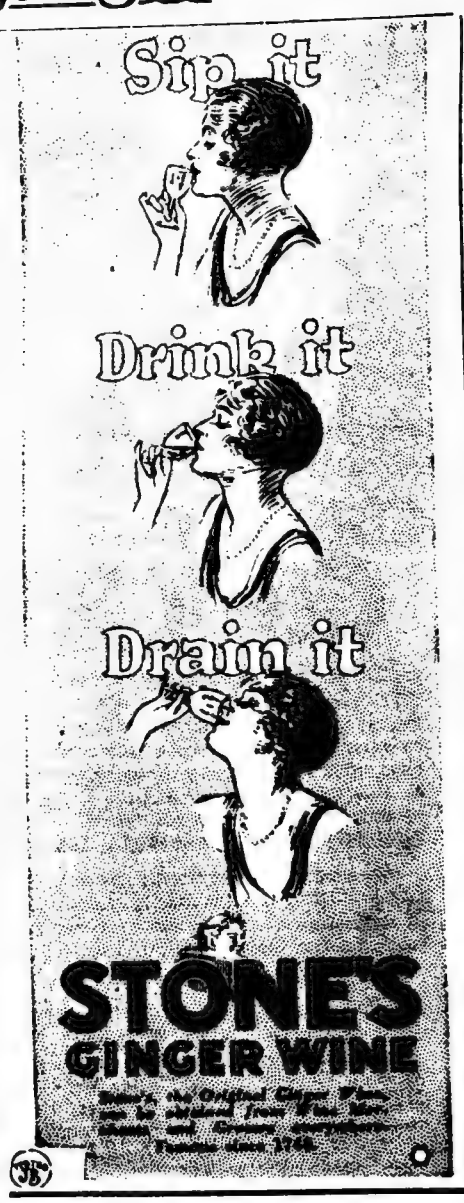

Words Winged to Women

GIRLS ON THE GALLOP

by **MABEL HORNER**

"MANY a mickle makes a muckle" is a wise old Scottish proverb applicable to many things besides the saving of money. It is, for instance, from incidents small in themselves, but gathering force from their frequency, that the following conclusions about mothers and girls are reached

AS I write the Southwark Board of Guardians has vacancies for two maids at its Dulwich hospital. It has applied at the Camberwell, Brixton, and Southwark employment exchanges without any helpful result. No single application has been received.

Officials of London employment exchanges declare that this is no isolated instance. They cannot fill one vacancy in a dozen if the women or girls are required to sleep in.

Contrary to the lurid tales often told, country girls very seldom apply for work in London. Of those who do, the large majority strenuously object to any post that involves "sleeping in." Even girls who take up the work of barmaid as a profession object to "sleeping in."

And everywhere, from town and country, comes the same story, girls are fighting shy of residential domestic work.

I want to make it perfectly clear that I will not range myself alongside those who criticise young girls for their trim dress, shingled heads, silk stockings and love of freedom.

Terrible indictment

I am a wholehearted admirer of to-day's girl at her best. I believe in her splendid qualities, and I know that she has a great future. But all girls are not at their best. It is well to sit up and look at the evidence to the contrary. Who or what is to blame for it?

Take, for instance, the terrible cases at the last Leeds Assizes, where three young girls were concerned in charges against three men.

Mr. Justice Roche told one she was "a nasty, dirty-minded little girl, a danger to herself and others, and a disgrace to the neighbourhood," another that "she was evidently a girl of very depraved habits," and after deploring his inability to put all three under charge, suggested that they needed to be kept thoroughly in order.

Further, he said that the lives of both girls and boys must be "influenced," and if parents were unable or unwilling to embue their children with ideals of morality and self-respect, then head mistresses and persons in positions of similar responsibility must be willing to undertake the task.

Mr. Justice Roche

I do not doubt that the evidence of girlish depravity offered Mr. Justice Roche was sufficiently shocking. But I also know Leeds. I may claim to know it fairly thoroughly, from end to end and inside out.

And I say unhesitatingly that no juvenile depravity can be as shocking as the streets and slums and hovels in which many of the Leeds children are expected to grow and live.

There is overcrowding in Leeds, as in other great cities, whole families and more crowded up in one room. Teachers, both men and women, do undertake to inculcate ideals of clean living in their charges, but in face of present-day conditions such teaching goes for naught.

What children see and hear at home sinks deeper than any amount of sermonising from outside. And, even when homes are as good and mothers as good as circumstances allow, overcrowding still prevents decent life. That is one of the puzzling things about this girlish reluctance to all "sleeping in."

I visited a little home the other day where two young daughters work in a factory. At night they have to pull a little old sofa out from the wall of the living-room and make it into a bed with the aid of chairs. Yet both would refuse to accept another sort of situation if it involved "sleeping in."

Threatening doom

The craze for night amusements and freedom to roam about in the streets after dusk is too great. In the lower strata overcrowding is destroying morality; in the higher it is destroying love of home-life.

We are witnessing the dreadful phenomenon of a whole generation of girls growing up who do not know how to enjoy themselves one single evening with purely domestic occupations because they do not live in homes in which there is room to do anything.

They do not love such homes. It reflects in a hatred of home-life shared with other people. They will not work if they are expected to "sleep in." The tragedy of it lies too deep for tears.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald says his idea of a workman is a man who sees in his work something attractive, something that gives his soul satisfaction. My idea of a woman is one who sees home-making as a queen ruling her domain.

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But candles, with their naked light, must be watched and protected, or they may hold dread menace to life and property in their twinkling beams.

Blackened ruin

Mr. J. Turner, of Victoria Cottage, Fenwick, Askern, Doncaster, is a miner who took the precaution to become a registered reader of JOHN BULL. While working in the mine the evening his wife was dressing in her bedroom by candlelight, preparing to attend a festival at a local place of worship.

Full of pleasurable anticipation, and with four children, one a baby of seven weeks old, also to get ready, it is not surprising that when she finally left the house she forgot the candle burning.

At nine o'clock, coming home down the lane, Mrs. Turner, instead of "heartening beams," saw flames spurting and blazing from her bedroom window. A breeze had sent her curtains fluttering into the candle. They had blazed and dropped, still burning, on to the dressing-table and set the whole alight.

She raised a frenzied alarm, and, happily, village lads, with a chain of buckets, put out the fire before the house burnt down. But what was left in the neat and tidy bedroom was now a heap of sodden, blackened ruin.

Mr. Turner's best clothes, house-linen, and many objects of great sentimental value kept in the chest of drawers were all burnt into unrecognisable fragments.

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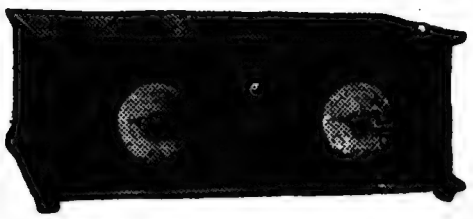

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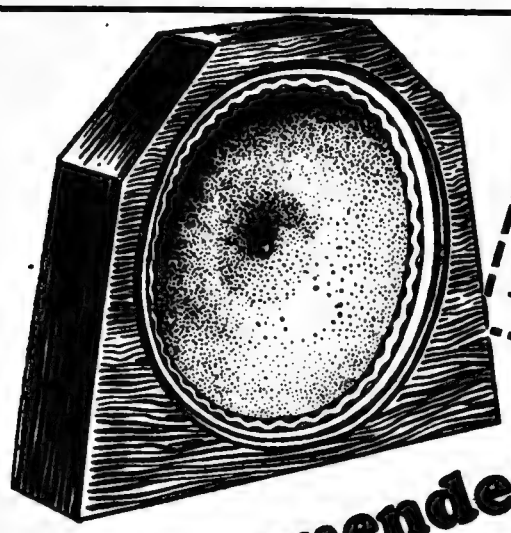

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Human Documents

Women and War

An Orphan's Dilemma—Blackmailer's Threat—A Brutal Brother

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"ENCLOSED you will find a copy of a prophetic almanack which claims to have an enormous circulation. I want you to tell me your candid opinion of it.

"You will see that on almost every page there are pictures and predictions of war. Even the date of the declaration of war is mentioned. We are told that war cannot be averted, and there is a definite incitement to manufacture munitions as they will be wanted soon.

"In one place it says, 'Prepare for War! Beat your scythes into swords and your pruning-hooks into spears'!

"I am an ex-soldier's wife with four little ones, so you can imagine how I feel. When the last war ended, I was just out of my teens, and I didn't realise the horrors of war.

"I WAS happy and care-free then, but I am married now to a man I love dearly, and have four wee mites to care for, and the thought that there is going to be another war so soon nearly drives me to distraction.

"I have had no peace of mind since buying this book. My husband and my neighbours tell me to take no notice of it, but if what this prophet says is true, that he foretold the Great War and the general strike to the very day, how can I forget?

"Oh, 'Humanist,' we don't want war. I think of my little ones and the thousands of mothers everywhere with their little ones, and of everything it means to us if our men have to go and be killed fighting over something which they cannot understand. Why can't we live peaceably one with another?

"Do give me a word of advice and comfort, for I cannot rest. The worry is making me ill. I cannot eat and I cannot sleep at night. It is like a continuous terrible nightmare."

"HUMANIST" says: *I have read the publication which you sent me with feelings of disgust amounting almost to nausea. My candid opinion of it is unprintable. I cannot understand why people should be prosecuted as criminals for pretending to tell the fortunes of individuals while others are permitted to predict the future of the nation in such a manner with impunity. But be of good cheer. Disturbing as this catch-penny astrology may be, women may sleep comfortably in their beds if their men-folk make it clear that if those who hold the reins of government in this country should prove so criminally incompetent as to be unable to avert another war they will be left to fight it themselves. They must bear in mind the exhortation recently repeated by the Heir to the Throne, "Seek peace and ensue it."*

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Sequel to Bigamy

"WHEN I was five years old my mother died, leaving three children, of whom I am the eldest. Soon afterwards, we were all put into a home, and for seven or eight years we remained in ignorance whether we had either father or mother.

"When I reached the age of fourteen, I became aware that my father was still alive, for he took me out of the home and sent me to work.

"He died twelve months ago, but just before his death he let me into a secret. He told me that my mother passed away without knowing that his marriage to her was bigamous, and that he had married her while his wife by a previous marriage was still alive.

"This first wife of my father's has lately turned up in the neighbourhood, and has been going about amongst people I know telling them that she intends to make me contribute to her maintenance, and make me suffer because my father deserted her.

"She says she can force this from me by taking me to law. I am now eighteen, and just earning enough to pay my lodgings and keep myself respectably dressed. Can you tell me if she has any claim upon me?"

"HUMANIST" says: *It is very sad that you should have learnt the truth about your parentage in such a cruel fashion. You need, however, have no fear for you are under no obligation whatever to the woman who claims to be your father's first wife.*

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Cowardly Blackmail

"A FEW years before the war, when my mother was a widow, she took as a lodger a man bearing the same name as herself. Everything went on all right for a year or two and this lodger came to be regarded almost as one of the family.

"Soon after war broke out, he enlisted in the Army. As his departure meant that my mother would be deprived of the money he paid her, he made a suggestion which, unfortunately for her peace of mind, he carried out.

"He persuaded my mother to sign the necessary form in order that she should be able to draw a separation allowance, representing that she was his elder sister, dependent upon him.

"This allowance was duly paid and most of it was sent to him either in cash or in parcels of comforts while he was serving in France.

"After his return and demobilisation, my mother realised that she had placed herself in a very awkward position by doing what she did to oblige him.

"He came back and at once assumed the attitude of master of the house, instead of lodger. He seldom works, but continually demands money from my mother to spend in drink and betting.

"If she refuses he starts smashing things and behaving like a ruffian, holding over her head a threat of imprisonment for defrauding the authorities.

"She is becoming a nervous wreck, and this wretched man seems to gloat over the act that she lives in terror lest her wrong-doing should be exposed."

"HUMANIST" says: *Your mother, of course, did very wrong in making herself a party to such a fraud, but she should not submit to such cowardly blackmail for the rest of her life. She should turn out the wretch and dare him to go to the police. A creature capable of such conduct is not likely to risk conviction himself.*

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"Be Pitiful"

IF you feel compassion for those who suffer because they are poor, and You would, at midnight, when the world's asleep, that none need weep, you will gladly subscribe to "The Greatest of These——" Fund. (See page 42.)

Brotherly Love!

"I AM a single young woman in my twenties. My mother died a few months ago, and ever since my elder brother has made my life a perfect misery. I have to work all day in the mill and take my mother's place when I come home at night.

"The trouble is that, although I do everything I can for his comfort, I seem to be unable to do anything right according to my brother's ideas, and he treats me in the most brutal fashion.

"My father is on night-work, and I am getting to dread being left alone with my brother, for he thinks nothing of knocking me about, and when he is in a temper he threatens to kill me.

"My brother has been engaged to be married for nearly two years, and he and the woman he is going to marry have made it pretty clear that they intend to make my life unbearable, so that I shall be forced to leave home, and then they can get married and grab everything.

"Must I be forced out of my mother's home through my brother's brutality just to save him and his wife the trouble of providing one of their own?

"My father not being in the house to see what goes on night after night, it is no good appealing to him."

"HUMANIST" says: *Appeal to your father anyway, and tell him that if he cannot protect you, you will be compelled to have your brother brought before the court for assaulting you. Unless he is indifferent to your welfare, he will tell your brother to find other accommodation.*

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Funds in the Fire

"Quite by accident I have burnt £20 in notes belonging to a club of which I am treasurer. Can you tell me where I can borrow this sum at a reasonable rate of interest in time for the share-out?"

"Humanist" says: *If it was quite by accident that the club funds were consumed by fire, you should have no hesitation in explaining the circumstances to the committee. To attempt to make good the loss by going to a money-lender would be bad both for your pocket and your reputation.*

Gambling Folly

"My son recently got a house through an agent by paying a premium. Ever since he moved in the agent has persuaded him to go to gambling parties, where night after night my son loses money. Can't I put the police on the track of this agent, who looks like ruining my son?"

"Humanist" says: *It may not be of much use informing the police if these gambling parties are of a private nature. If your son has any sense at all, the fact that he always loses should be sufficient to convince him of his folly.*

Registrars' Marriages

"I was married by a registrar. My husband has deserted me, and my friends tell me that a registrar's marriage is only binding for seven years, and that at the end of that time I shall be free to marry again. Is this true?"

"Humanist" says: *No. A register-office marriage is binding for life, the same as one performed in church. You cannot remarry without fear of punishment for bigamy, unless you have heard nothing of your husband for seven years and have reasonable grounds for believing him to be dead.*

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Fine Start to the New Season—Killia's Victory—Billy Barton from U.S.A.—Horse with a Strained Heart—The New Racing Judge

OVER one hundred and seventy jumpers ran at Newbury, and the competitors at Birmingham topped the century and a half mark. The Dismal Jimmies and Weary Willies will now agree that there is plenty of life in sport's finest spectacle.

THE only fault to be found with National Hunt racing is the lack of big events. The Grand Sefton is decided before the end of the flat, and with the exception of the Victory Hurdle and Victory 'Chase at Manchester early in January, and a few races of £1,000 in value, there is no big noise until the Grand National.

A FLAT race is a flash and a thrill, with often a doubt as to the winner. Over the jumps one sees a fine test of endurance, two and sometimes three close-ups of the field, and, consequently, value for money paid at the entrance gates. The new season is going to be as good, but we need more Grand Seftons.

CODE selections, which are now appearing exclusively in *The Sporting Life*, opened well. Oliver's Mount, the first sent out, won in a field of over twenty, and Killia — forecast in JOHN BULL — carried on the good work in a field also over a score at Newbury.

J. MOLONEY, who rides most of H. S. Harrison's good things, had to waste off ten pounds to do the weight on Killia. Most people present at Newbury thought that his mount was lucky to beat Giovanni, who was baulked, but a friend of mine, who saw the start, told me that Killia lost two or three lengths at the post. Killia and Giovanni are two of my list of six hurdlers to follow. They should never be missed.

KILLIA is a born jumper and in the course of time is likely to make a fine 'chaser. Harrison purchased the son of Mohacz—Vartry Water for 180 gns. at the Dublin Sales, and he was not raced as a two-year-old. Stanley Harrison, by the way, combines training with sheep-breeding, and is expert at both.

I MENTIONED last week that His Majesty's St. Sylvestre had been sent to the Hon. A. Hastings for a course of hurdling. The latest addition to the Wroughton stable is Billy Barton, a crack 'chaser from U.S.A. Billy Barton has come over to win the Grand National.

The Hon. A. Hastings, the Wroughton trainer, who has charge of Billy Barton

J. PENDARVES, the Epsom trainer, has not many horses in his care, but he is well worth following at the minor meetings. He has won a number of races with Roi Rouge, who was sold for close on £2,000 after the tragic death of Mr. Adam Scott. Pendarves gave only a few hundreds for the gelding, probably owing to the fact that the 'chaser was suffering from a strained heart. Careful treatment has effected a cure, and the gelding is a safe conveyance over two miles.

JUMPERS TO NOTE

2 L.O. will be calling shortly. This is one of T. Leader's useful novices.

FIRST MAGIC has a big weight at Hurst Park, but he will probably score.

BABY'S BOTTLE should be noted at Carlisle.

There was money for Zain last time out. Goswell's eight-year-old is engaged in the Moorhouse 'Chase at Carlisle.

Don't overlook Beggar's End at the Thamesside meeting.

No FOOLING is a good each-way bet in the Priory 'Chase.

IN the early days of the jumping campaign backers are seldom far out if they back horses fit from flat racing. I made a particular note of Orange Bill at Newbury, who finished second to the useful Kepi Amarante, and the gelding will earn his winter's keep. Orange Bill is by no means a novice to hurdling. He scored in January and February of this year, and on five occasions last year.

CLASHING ARMS ran at the Berkshire meeting, but I am afraid this speedy 'chaser is a light of other days. It used to be a habit of his to lead the field by twenty or more lengths, but he was unable to raise sufficient steam to get anywhere near Bolshevist.

HE was invincible in two-mile races, but I never backed him in races of three miles after an experience at Lingfield. This was a race of three miles. Clashing Arms led by the distance of a street for most of the way and landed over the last fence eight lengths ahead of Auchrinrossie. The crowd were applauding Jack Anthony for his fine riding when the gelding stopped to nothing. Auchrinrossie won by a short head.

FOR the moment, the important changes in the racing officials have stopped in the appointment of a new judge, Mr. Malcolm Hancock, with Mr. C. A. Robinson now second in command. The job is like the policeman's, not a happy one, and it might have been better if the French method of three judges—one for the winner and two for the placed horses—were given a trial.

THE Stewards of the Jockey Club, in censuring Larkin over the running of Easter Gift at Derby, stated that his action of running the horse when unfit could only have the effect of misleading the handicapper and the public.

IT is commendable on the part of the Stewards to take our welfare to heart, but if the censure were applied to N.H. racing, fields of three and four runners would rule. In Killia's race of twenty runners, we had a 5 to 2 favourite, one at 3 to 1, one at 4 to 1, one at 9 to 2, 2LO at 10 to 1, and the rest not backed. Five in a field of twenty fit and fancied!

ONE of my regulars wants to know the points of a 'chaser—evidently he intends to pick 'em out on looks. It is a subject for an article, but the main points to note are shoulders and back. Good, sloping shoulders are essential to a jumper, as they take the whole impact on landing. A powerful back with strong quarters gives the necessary propelling power. A long, weak back may give a horse a nice appearance, but it is fatal for over the jumps.

WINDSOR and Hurst Park may supply us with a few winners this week. At Windsor I have ear-marked General Advance and the ancient Taffytus in the race for amateur riders. On the second Nane Snugger, fourth at Newbury, and Giovanni.

SOCCER is a seasonable tip, and if George Duller rides he will win the Palace Hurdle at Hurst Park on Friday. My three-star nap on Saturday is Confirmation.

"SILVER RING."

Two coded selections will be given daily in *The Sporting Life*.

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How to read the code: In place of the letters or figures advertised in *The Sporting Life* read those above or below the line as the case may be. NOKCGZNFC would read AMBERWAVE.

The code will be changed in next week's JOHN BULL. It covers the racing from Wednesday, December 7, to Tuesday, December 13.

"Soccer" Selections

WEEK-END COUPS

6 HOME.—Liverpool, Notts Forest, Port Vale, Hibernians, Motherwell, Glasgow Rangers.

5 HOME.—Leicester, Liverpool, Burnley, Kilmarnock, Motherwell.

4 HOME.—Notts Forest, Port Vale, Hibernians, Glasgow Rangers.

3 AWAY.—Newcastle, Blackpool, Celtic.

3 DRAWS.—Derby v. Blackburn, Leeds v. Chelsea, Airdrie v. Hearts.

3 HOME 2 AWAY.—Liverpool, Port Vale, Hibernians, Huddersfield, Celtic.

1 HOME 1 AWAY 1 DRAW.—Preston, Celtic, Wolverhampton v. Grimsby.

SPECIAL 5 HOME (LEAGUE I. AND II.).—Leicester, Liverpool, Barnsley, Notts Forest, Port Vale.

FORECASTS FOR DECEMBER 17

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.

HOME WINNERS.—Birmingham, Blackburn, Cardiff, Everton, Huddersfield, Manchester U., Middlesbrough, Newcastle.

AWAY WINNERS.—Sunderland, Liverpool.

DRAW.—Bolton v. Aston Villa.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION II.

HOME WINNERS. — Blackpool, Chelsea, Grimsby, Notts Co., Reading, Stoke, West Bromwich.

AWAY WINNER.—Preston.

DRAWS.—Bristol C. v. Leeds, Clapton v. Port Vale, Southampton v. Manchester C.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III (NORTHERN).

HOME WINNERS. — Barrow, Bradford, Rotherham, Southport, Stockport, Tranmere, Wrexham.

AWAY WINNERS.—Darlington, Doncaster.

DRAWS.—Chesterfield v. New Brighton, Durham v. Halifax.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (SOUTHERN).

HOME WINNERS.—Bournemouth, Brentford, Brighton, Crystal Palace, Exeter, Northampton, Norwich, Torquay.

AWAY WINNER.—Swindon.

DRAWS.—Luton v. Bristol R., Millwall v. Plymouth.

THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

HOME WINNERS. — Celtic, Dunfermline, Hearts, Raith R., St. Johnstone, St. Mirren.

AWAY WINNERS.—Motherwell, Falkirk.

DRAWS.—Dundee v. Queen's Park, Kilmarnock v. Glasgow Rangers.

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As a social worker, Mr. E. Roffe Thompson's "Pigs Would Blush!" (JOHN BULL, November 26), appealed to me. Coming into close contact with the conditions under which the poor live, I could supply many revolting tales. I know one small landing which gives entrance to eight homes. What possible chance have people of being morally clean living in such hovels? What I have seen I dare not ask even JOHN BULL to publish.—*Social Worker, Clydeside.*

In Britain, Too!

I can verify all Mr. E. Roffe Thompson says because I had six years of it. On one occasion my children had to be carried out of their bed by neighbours and taken into their houses or they would have been eye-witnesses of my wife giving birth to a child, and this is no isolated case.—*E. S., Darlington.*

Why They Hesitate

In a partial slum clearance which I witnessed, several families were reluctant to exchange their hovels for new council houses. It was not a question of the "slum mind," but of unemployment and consequent want of suitable furniture or money. A man in tatters may dislike a new suit if he feels he cannot live up to it.—*H. C., Sussex.*

The Only Solution

Fifty thousand lives are sacrificed annually to the overcrowding of our big cities. And the cause of congestion of foul slum conditions is just the withholding from the market of land until it has reached an enormous price. As JOHN BULL has so often argued, the pressing problem of the slums will only be satisfactorily solved by a wise measure of dealing with urban land values.—*F. T., Dumfries.*

Bitter Protest

There are one-roomed hovels in Glasgow into which the sun never shines; where consumptives live with relatives who will be consumptives to-morrow; where grown-ups sleep together, irrespective of sex or relationship; where women endure the pains of labour in presence of the entire family; where a corpse may be tenderly lifted off the table so that a meal may be served. The Bolshevism ascribed to this, the richest city in Scotland, is in reality the bitter protest of poor people against its loathsome housing conditions.—*Clydeside, Scotland.*

Shake Them!

The politician who can sit comfortably "in the House" while his fellow-creatures live under the conditions described by Mr. E. Roffe Thompson is failing in his job. Sack him! The landlord who continues to draw fabulous rent for such shelter would rob his own father. Jail him! The people who won't raise their voice while such a scandal exists are in a trance. Shake them! The poor devils who have to live under such conditions, and denied the ordinary decencies of life, are our brothers and sisters. Pity them!—*W., Lytham.*

Rack Rents

Most of the houses so far built, although only large enough for the working man, are either sold to people desirous of leaving larger town houses and rates, or let at a price which no average working man can afford to pay. The houses round here run at £1 per week. With the present unemployment and low wages, what working man can keep that up? Until something cheaper is available, slums will continue and poor people will exist in them because they have not the means to do otherwise.—*G. H. F., Leeds.*

Saving Millions

When will an absolute slum elimination scheme be introduced? Such a scheme would ultimately save the millions of pounds which are now being used annually to maintain recuperative institutions, that are practically filled by persons who have contracted disease through overcrowding.—*W. M., Gateshead.*

Costly Patching

I am one of those unfortunates who have contracted tuberculosis through a reduction in the standard of living consequent upon a lowering of wages below the poverty line. The State thus loses my earning and spending capacity, and in addition is keeping me idle in a sanatorium at a cost of 50s. per week in an endeavour to return me fit to the labour market.—*T. B., Hyde.*

Brains and Coal

Mr. A. G. Gardiner adds another sensible plea to the many appearing in JOHN BULL for the reorganisation of the coal industry. If reorganisation is the only solution, and Britain's prosperity depends so largely upon this vital industry, it is amazing that so little has been done. If, as is claimed, British brains won the Great War, cannot British brains put their own house in order in this particular direction?—*S., Oldham.*

Who'll Bite?

We are being exhorted to "shop early" at Christmas, and the wisdom of the advice cannot be questioned. One way in which the movement can be helped is for municipal bodies to pay the December salaries a week earlier than usual this year. The banks would not object, and it would be a boon to most municipal servants and teachers, a great relief to the postal staffs, a blessing to shopkeepers, and an advantage to the weekly wage-earner. — *Nicholas, Coventry.*

Printers' Pie

[Half-a-crown is paid to the sender of every item published. Mark envelopes "Pie."]

"GLASGOW EVENING NEWS":—"When a motor omnibus started at Mysore, a cobra which had been asleep under the seat, came out and BIT four people."

"WOMAN'S FRIEND":—"'I could kill you and I would KILL MYSELF FIRST,' Claudia repeated furiously."

"THE POPULAR":—"The cup of vengeance is overflowing. BUT IT ISN'T FULL YET."

"YORKSHIRE OBSERVER":—"Now is the time to go over the family wardrobes and see what can be either made into a dress OR A CHILD."

"ILLUSTRATED CHIPS":—"Kitty's wild scream of terror rent the air as she ran straight to the river bank AND PLUNGED HEADLONG INTO IT."

"WOMAN'S OUTLOOK":—"The great Grampian Mountains stood out bleak, bare and rocky, CLOTHED IN VERDANT GREEN."

"GLOUCESTERSHIRE ECHO":—"2-seater car wanted WITHOUT ENGINE, or CHASSIS AND WHEELS, CHEAP."

"LEICESTER DAILY MERCURY":—"There was pepper all down the front of his clothes and EARS WERE STREAMING FROM HIS EYES."

Sugar Ring

Your exposure of the sugar ramp has quickly been confirmed by the action of the "rings," as on the last day of the Sugar Conference in Paris, all Continental granulated was advanced in price, and the price was again "pushed up" a few days later. The general impression in the trade is that sugar will continue to advance, not because of any shortage, but owing to the action of this Sugar Conference (ring).—*G. T. B., Brighton.*

"A Devil of a Debt"

After eleven months in the line—including Ypres and the attack on Arras—the 15th Division was withdrawn for rest. Twenty-four hours later we were bundled off to Soissons. I was puzzled at the number of Americans straggling along behind the lines. I questioned one, and was told, "There's too much shell-fire up there for us." We relieved the deserters, and our casualties were over 100—over 200 killed—in my battalion. I am now helping to pay "A Devil of a Debt." What about their debt to us?—*D.C.M., Lewisham.*

The Milky Way—

Local dairymen here charge 7½d. per quart for milk. The farmer supplying it asked for an advance on 3½d. per quart, but was refused. Making good his threat to supply householders direct, we now get the same milk at 5d. per quart. The farm is twenty miles away, the dealers are on the spot. And the farmer pushes his 100 cows were 500—it pays him so well.—*Merseyside.*

—And a Meaty One!

As a regular reader of JOHN BULL, I have read on several occasions articles written about the profiteering in the meat trade. In one part of Cornwall the farmers have become so dissatisfied that they have started to slaughter their own cattle and sell the meat themselves at a price considerably cheaper than that of the butchers. Farmers in other parts of the county have threatened to do the same, if the butchers' prices are not decreased.—*A. H. P., Cornwall.*

Pension Punishment

I have living close to me two sisters, aged sixty-six and sixty-eight. The former is denied the pension because her husband is under sixty-five; the latter because her husband is over seventy. Both husbands are invalids. The one is punished for marrying a man ten years her junior; the other for marrying a man ten years older.—*F. P., Fenton.*

Appreciation

May I express my deep appreciation of Mr. Philip Inman's articles, and also a sincere wish for his complete recovery? His "In Sunshine Ward" articles are an inspiration to many who are downhearted and need something to give them a brighter look on life; and I am sure all JOHN BULL readers will agree with me when I say, "God speed him quickly back to health."—*W. J. C., Walton.*

Atrocious Sports

As a great animal lover, I am writing to thank you for publishing in JOHN BULL an article on the atrocities of blood sports. I consider it is a national disgrace that at a time like this so many able-bodied, rich and leisured people should so misuse their opportunities as to pass their lives in not only useless, but barbarous amusements. Such a state of things should not be possible in any progressive nation and I sincerely hope that public opinion will put a stop to it.—*Annie Cory (Lady Cory), Belgrave Square, S.W.*

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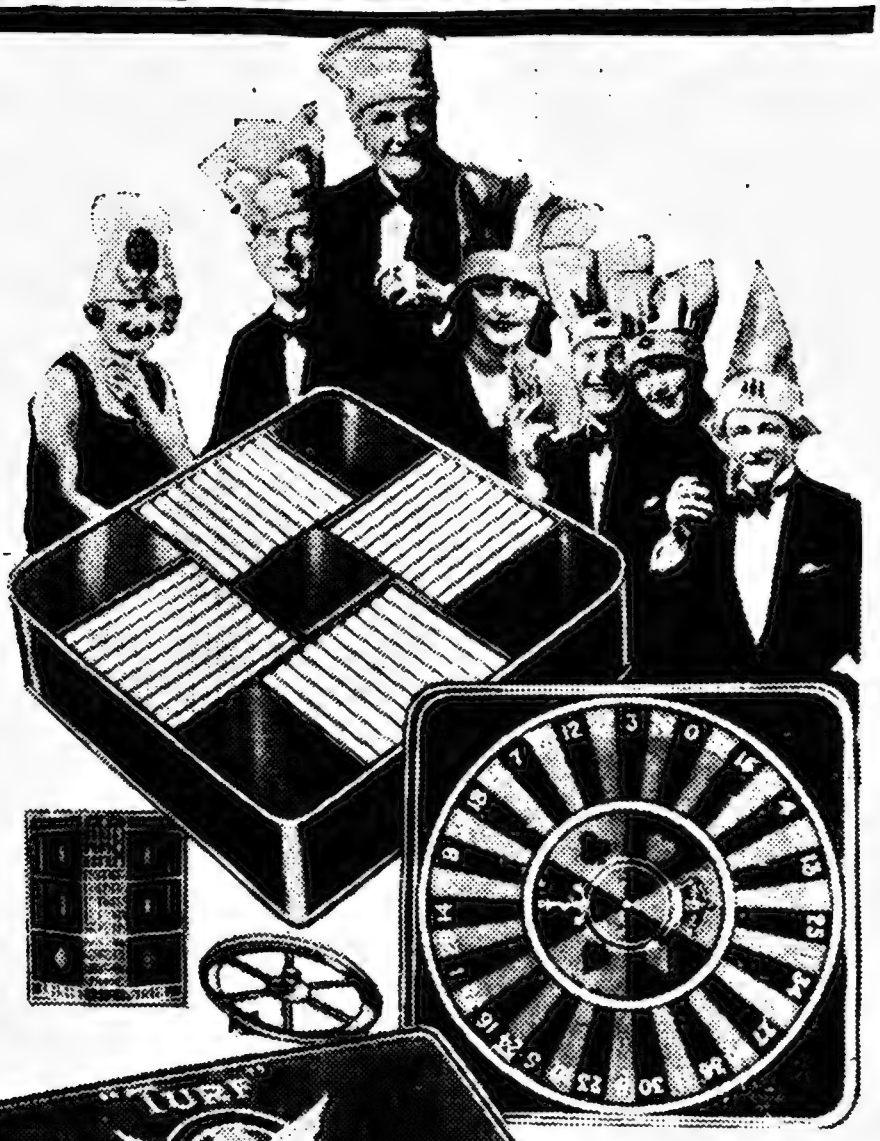

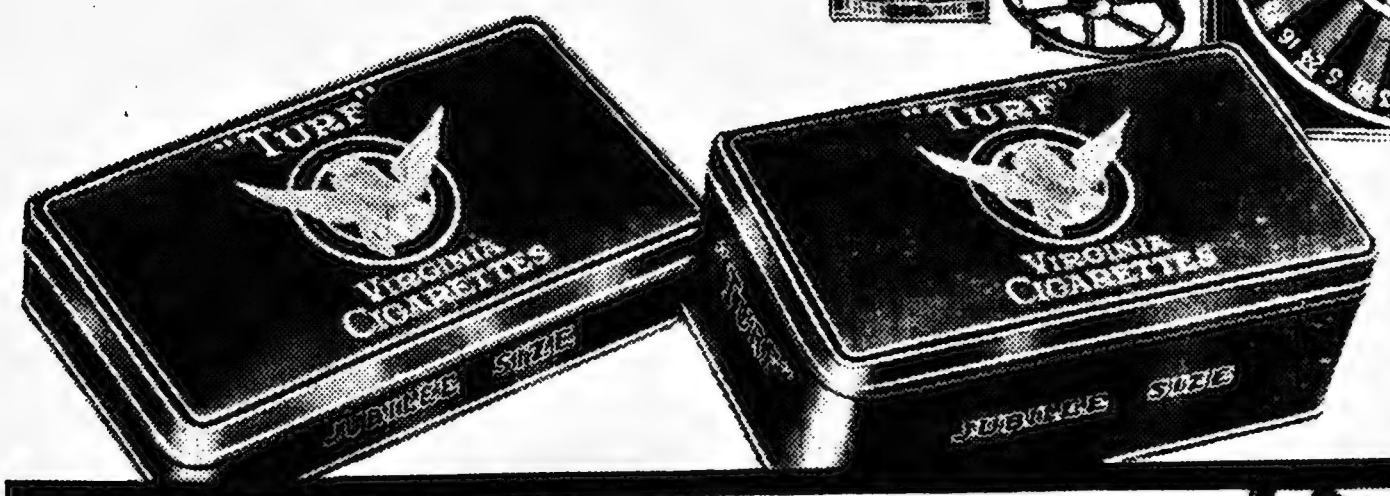

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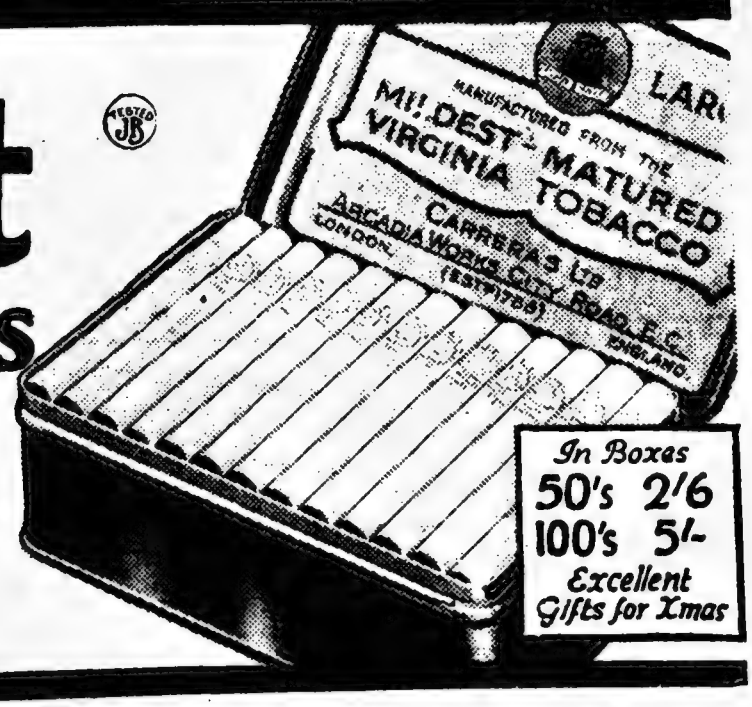

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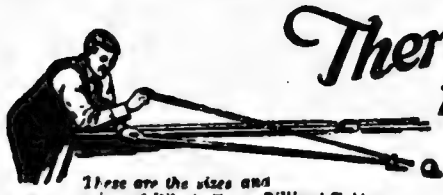

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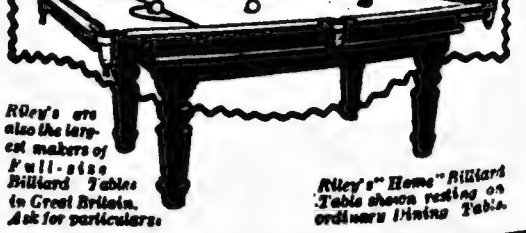

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R. T. (Hitchin).—"I spend all my evenings writing poems." Happy days!

B. R. (Coalville).—"I am always my natural self." It seems very hard luck.

J. M. (Barton).—"Will *nothing* please you?" From you—yes.

MODISTE (Mayfair).—"Frocks will be worn a little longer." Husbands think they should be worn a good deal longer.

F. N. (Bermondsey).—"Is brass taxed?" Good Lord, yes—if you earn enough of it.

P. V. (Hampstead).—"Did you follow my argument?" No. We're too big to get in the wastepaper-basket.

A. N. (Newton).—"I flatter myself that I am broadminded." Probably you do.

C. Y. (Ravenhill).—"How is the House of Commons kept warm in the winter?" By hot air.

T. V. (Poole).—"I passed by your window." All right. Don't make a song about it.

B. N. (Tollcross).—"My son's school report says he is trying." Lots of boys are—very.

R. V. B. (Canterbury).—"My husband agrees with everything I say." He probably annoys you on purpose.

C. L. (Highbury Barn).—"Do you know who the Mayor of Chicago is?" Yes. But we want to know why.

J. J. (Liverpool).—"I don't believe in love at first sight." It sometimes leads to divorce at first slight.

B. N. (Chertsey).—"Don't try to make me a laughing-stock." Not necessary.

A. T. (Enfield).—"There will be no coal used for household fires in ten years time." A lot of it isn't now.

G. M. (Chelsea).—"Why do you see so many bald men at theatres?" They hopefully go to hair-raising plays.

A. Y. (Penge).—"A girl dresses to please herself." And generally it doesn't take much to please her.

B. E. (Bodmin).—"I am a slate club secretary." You have omitted your Continental address.

B. T. (Baldock).—"I have put my only son into a Government office." Is he as lazy as all that?

P. B. (Buxton).—"I am sitting by a roaring fire as I write this letter." Now the letter is nearer still.

H. N. (Arnley).—"Nowadays there are no knights in shining armour." No; but there are plenty of men in shiny serge suits.

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T. R. (Wivenhoe).—"My mother-in-law is one in a thousand." Mormon!

NELLIE (Southend).—"Do you like apples?" Get thee behind us, Eve!

W. S. (Nottingham).—"Talk is cheap." And gossip worthless.

W. T. (Walsall).—"He was run over by an ambulance." How lucky!

A. G. H. (Reddish).—"The girl burst into tears." How effeminate!

VERA (Bray).—"I used to have long friendly talks with my hairdresser." But now he cuts you short?

R. T. (Sheffield).—"Experience teaches women many things." Even how to look too young to have had any.

S. B. (Reading).—"Have you ever heard of a secret society confined to women?" It is silly to search for the impossible.

T. R. (Darlington).—"I am to marry a tailor's daughter." Hope she will suit you, and you'll be a credit to her.

A. F. (Bristol).—"It is a job to buy eggs without chickens in them." Ask for ducks' eggs.

J. T. (Hull).—"I am sending you a poem, 'Why was I born?'" After reading it, we give it up.

P. A. (St. Helens).—"I have bought a noiseless typewriter." Now all you want is a ribbon with invisible ink.

S. C. (Cork).—"Do you approve of silk stockings?" Depends on the shape of the interior.

B. R. (Redruth).—"A domestic servant has to work hard for very little." Many a wife has to work harder for nothing.

T. B. (Oxford).—"I scraped up an acquaintance with him." Which car got the worst of it?

J. S. (Portsmouth).—"I wonder what tune Nero played." Probably "Keep the Home Fires Burning."

C. W. (Exeter).—"Both my wife and I sat on the jury." Hope you agreed for once.

A. S. E. (March).—"I am always singing about the house." Don't you know any songs about anything else?

J. P. (Eccles).—"I am a domino-spotter by trade." What do you do when the firm's making double-blanks?

S. H. (Derby).—"Lawyers' fees should be reduced by half." Now we shall hear some moaning at the Bar!

N. C. (Colwyn Bay).—"The Germans are supreme fairy-tale writers." Some of our correspondents run them pretty close.

W. H. (Ashton).—"They tell me I am very like you." We are starting an action for libel.

C. S. E. (Crumpsall).—"Why are the pictures so popular with men?" Because they can see women talk without hearing them.

G. A. (S.W.8).—"The automatic telephone system should be a success." You'll be able to choose your own wrong numbers, at least.

MRS. B. (Rugby).—"My neighbour is a very wicked woman." She's good enough to supply you with a subject for conversation, anyway.

R. T. (Cheltenham).—"Have you ever met two people who thought exactly alike?" With regard to wedding-presents, often and more.

A. M. (King's Lynn).—"Road-hogs must go." Unfortunately, they do.

W. P. (Enfield).—"The child clung to her mother's skirt." The young acrobat!

S. J. (Durham).—"I always sleep on my back." A heavy-weight boxer?

S. K. (Letchworth).—"He wept when I sang." A musician, no doubt.

M. P. (Sheffield).—"The law is strong." Yet nothing is easier to break.

C. T. R. (Southsea).—"I have changed my address." In Queer Street now?

NATURALIST (Kew).—"I have a fine collection of old fossils." So they have at Westminster.

MRS. E. (Ealing).—"I claim to have the most uncommon car in this neighbourhood." We know! It's paid for!

S. M. (Southampton).—"I merely ask for information." Granted, no one needs it more.

J. L. (Hanwell).—"I have considerable property in Scotland." In Perth, waiting to be dyed?

G. K. J. (Stillborough).—"What kind of a noun is breeches?" Singular at the top, plural at the bottom.

HENRY (Hammersmith).—"Jazz has come to stop." But unfortunately it doesn't.

H. G. (Coniston).—"At what age is woman most dangerous?" At 17, 18—30—40——and on.

HATTIE (Newcastle).—"My face is my fortune." No need to worry, the richest aren't always the happiest.

MARY (Crewe).—"In my opinion it's the serious-minded girls who get on." But very often the other sort who get off.

J. S. R. (Swansea).—"I find life too trying for anything." Then do a little more trying yourself.

MRS. J. (Criccieth).—"Mr. Lloyd George now has his eighth grandchild." Strong signs of a Liberal revival!

JAMES (Welwyn).—"My garden wants digging badly." Then you are just the sort of chap to do it.

"AUTHOR" (Birmingham).—"I am enclosing a desperately moving story." Nevertheless we shall be able to prevent it moving in here.

B. N. (Esher).—"I never win money over the sticks." Sit over the coals and win at *Bullets*. There's a £1,500 First this week and thousands more 'Xmas prizes.

M. T. (Torquay).—"Politicians cannot solve our problems." Oh, yes, every member of the Opposition could do it easily.

F. F. (Durham).—"He is a shining example of how a man should dress." When our clothes shine we exchange them for a geranium.

R. D. (Manchester).—"Wives can be bought for half-a-crown in Africa." Which proves that profiteering is not confined to one country.

G. L. (Winchester).—"If a man's wife and his mother quarrel which side ought he to take." The outside until it blows over.

A. E. (Portrush).—"He doesn't actually accuse me of stealing the coin he dropped." But he probably thinks he might have stood a better chance of finding it if you hadn't helped to look.

O. S. (Harrow).—"I got a fright at my wedding." Is she so bad as all that?

P. N. (Hackney).—"I am mad to go on the stage." You are.

L. K. (Upton Park).—"I am either a martyr or a fool." Well, there are no martyrs nowadays.

VOCALIST (Penge).—"I sang 'Come Into the Garden, Maud,' very effectively." And did she come?

M. T. (Ebbw).—"The Great War was fought for dear life." We have certainly got it.

G. C. (Clapton).—"I am a stranger to fear." And not closely related to bravery.

D. E. (Salop).—"People seem to be after something for nothing." And therefore many get nothing for something.

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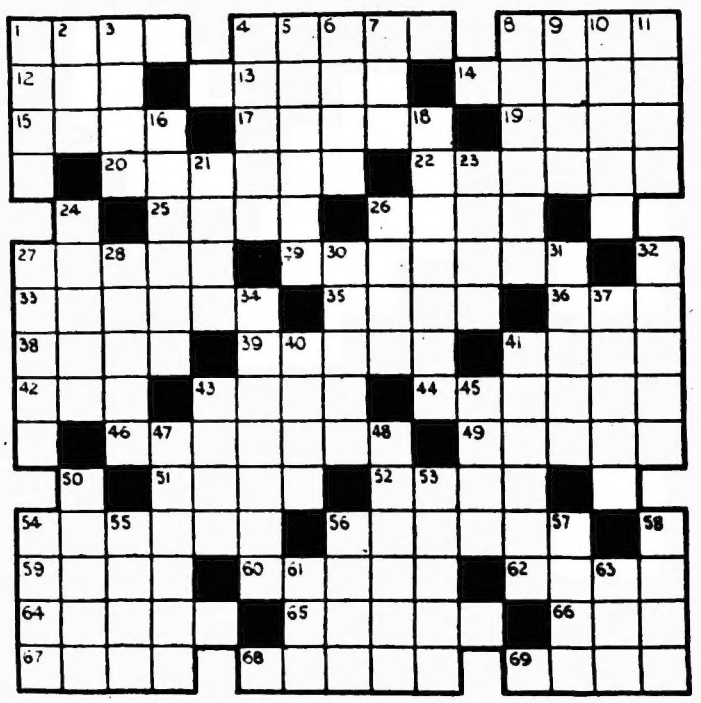
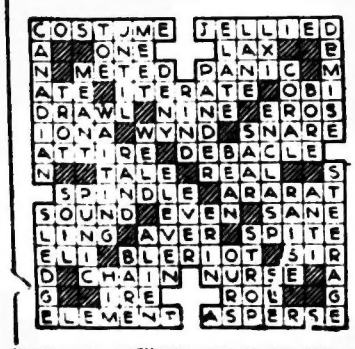


CLUES ACROSS

1. In the near future.
4. Rescued.
8. Slang for hard knock.
12. A metal.
13. Skin eruption.
14. Form.
15. An astringent salt.
17. The seas.
19. A continent.
20. Rank in R.E.
22. Displaced.
25. Kind of instrument.
26. A tube.
27. Pope's crown.
29. An incident.
33. To retaliate.
35. Soon.
36. Weep.
38. Assert.
39. Eastern women's apartments.
41. Smack.
42. Lair.
43. Resinous trees.
44. Condition.
46. Foes.
49. Companions.
51. Napoleon's prison island.
52. To cadge for custom.
54. A slave.
56. To dodge.
59. Behind.
60. Secret escape.
62. Performed.
64. Gangway.
65. Pertaining to a royal court.
66. Adult males.
67. Victims.
68. A sea-nymph.
69. A vegetable.

CLUES DOWN.

1. To pierce.
2. Greasy fluid.
3. Responsibility.
4. Incline.
5. To comply with.
6. To turn round.
7. An age.
8. Pursued.
9. A hop kiln.
10. Secret investigators.
11. Chief.
16. A vegetable.
18. Offensive.
21. A fruit.
23. Resting on.
24. A separator.
26. A tree.
27. Commence.
28. Repent.
30. To analyse a sentence.
31. Renown.
32. Characters.
34. Metal cover for the finger.
37. Assessed.
40. Melody.
41. Announced.
43. Cruel.
45. Dirt.
47. Not quite.
48. Chief constituent.
50. Belonging to them.
53. Natural fat.
54. A vehicle.
55. To graze.
56. To flow.
57. Italy's capital.
58. Confined.
61. To wager.
63. Born.



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Bullet :—SHOULD "HAVE MORE SENSE."

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Example :—WHAT'S WRONG WITH SOCIETY.
Bullet :—TO UNDO, "DO UNTO——."

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WHAT THE CLOWN SAID
ARE WE DOWNHEARTED?
BABY'S FOOD
FOR BETTER OR WORSE
SEEN IN THE WINDOW
HASTILY
FIRES OF UNREST
A HOAX
EVERYBODY'S WONDERING
MADE FUN OF
GIRL OF THE FUTURE
IN THE PUBLIC EYE
PRESENT FOR MOTHER
ELBOW GREASE
SECOND CHILDHOOD
I HOPE
NO MONEY
STILL FIGHTING
JUDGING BY APPEARANCES
MY MOTTO
NOTHING
THANKS TO THE PRINCE
HER DAY
HEARD AT THE PARTY
WHAT SONNY WANTS
HAPPY MARRIAGE
AFTERWARDS
SUITS FATHER
THE OLD WAY
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